

The War Party Comes Into the Open

AN EDITORIAL

THE latest public utterances of President Roosevelt's Cabinet members can only be understood as advocacy of open military and naval intervention in the war with troops and ships.

These gentlemen did not even bother to use the "peace" pretences which have hitherto served to conceal the Administration's participation in the conflict.

In plain English, the speeches of Knox, Hull, Wallace and Stimson amounted to a direct summons of the nation to full military and naval action.

President Roosevelt himself gave the lead for this in his recent "we-are-ready-to-fight" speech in Virginia. In rapid succession, the Cabinet members called for full participation. Stimson summed up the speeches in his direct acceptance of bloodshed as the immediate and necessary outlook of the convoy system.

Now Secretary of Agriculture Wickard has unfolded this line of official reasoning with the cynical statement for war: "I see no course for the United States that gives any real promise of keeping us from becoming deeply involved in the world conflict." Naked military participation by Army and Navy in the conflict are here proposed by an administration spokesman as necessary and inevitable. Such advocacy of full war was in fact the main overtone of the barrage of Cabinet members' speeches.

The Administration is aware that the American people, who have been dragged along the "aid-Britain" path to the present stage of U. S. ships in the Suez Canal, are displaying all the signs of a rude awakening. The people's persistent determination to stay out of the war has not been broken down by the concentrated attacks which have been made upon them.

It was one thing to hoodwink the people as to the real aim of the Lease-Lend Bill; it is difficult to come out in advocacy of open war as many of the Administration leaders are doing.

Mr. Raymond Clapper, close to the White House, defines the real "guilty" confronting the war party in this switch to advocacy of armed intervention: "In a sense, Mr. Roosevelt is a prisoner of himself. During his presidential campaign, he tied himself to a pledge not to send American boys to foreign wars."

How to obliterate this pledge—given by both Willkie and Roosevelt in collusion to deceive the electorate—this is the real "problem" of the war party. This is why the press now carries new announcements of newly-hatched pro-war committees in which well-known Administration supporters occupy leading posts. These are the most outspoken of the war party. They include the Reverend Neibuhr and Freda Kirchwey outfit, the Senator Glass committee, the Social Democratic Federation and other of the most outspoken clamorers for war. Their function is to ready the popular mind for the drastic actions still to come.

It is absurd to say that these gentlemen have undergone a change from a "peace" to a "war" position because of "events." What is really happening is that the pro-war drive which was concealed in the "aid-to-Britain" policy from the very beginning is now showing its face. Certain Administration spokesmen still utilize the "peace" pretensions which have served up to now. But a rapid transition to open confession of the real war position of the Administration is taking place.

Organized Labor, as the leader of the entire people, can no longer evade the conclusion which stands clearly forth in the unfolding of the alleged "aid-short-of-war" policy. It means shouting WAR. It has meant War from the beginning. It was intended as the path to war.

Intense protest against any further steps into the war are now the duty of the hour. To reverse the fatal march into the sea of blood—this is the duty of Labor and the people. No convoys, no AEF! Get out and stay out of the war! These are the demands which should pour into Washington. For the war party is menacing the nation as never before.

C. P. National Committee Hails Freiheit and Amter

A Statement by the National Committee of the Communist Party

Tonight at 8 o'clock a joint celebration will be held at Madison Square Garden on the occasion of the 19th anniversary of the Jewish daily newspaper—the Morning Freiheit, and at the same time the sixtieth birthday of Comrade Israel Amter, State Chairman of the Communist Party of New York.

Nothing could be more fitting than merging these two happy occasions in the history of the progressive labor movement. Comrade Amter, by his proud record as a leader and champion of the laboring masses, exemplifies at the same time the glorious traditions of the Jewish people in their courageous and self-sacrificing struggle against oppression, intolerance and slavery through the ages. As an outstanding leader of the great national unemployed movement, as an organizer of steel workers and miners in Ohio, as a beloved leader of the Communist Party in New York, Comrade Amter was and is an exponent of the principle of solidarity of the toiling masses of all lands and all tongues. In the course of his many years as a working class leader, he has served as an inspiration to many thousands in the struggle against anti-Semitism and for the rights of the Jewish people.

The Morning Freiheit is now entering its twentieth year of work in this great struggle. Now more

than ever it is engaged in a fierce struggle against the reactionary, war-mongering cliques in the Jewish community who have joined hands with anti-Semites of the Dies stripe and with Hitler-decorated industrialists like Henry Ford in a campaign of incitement, slander and vilification against the Jewish masses who hate reaction and abhor imperialism. To the Morning Freiheit has fallen the honorable task of combatting the influence of the betrayers of labor and lackeys of imperialism like Hillman and Dubinsky among the Jewish masses. To the Morning Freiheit has fallen the equally imperative role of mobilizing the Jewish masses in the struggle against anti-Semitism, reaction and for peace.

The bourgeois and Social Democratic press in the Jewish language, like the Forward, the Day and the Morning Journal shriek their hatred of freedom and the emancipation of the Jewish people by spewing their venom against the Soviet Union, the only country in the world where the Jewish people are secure in their rights, in their opportunities for a happy life and in the development, under Socialism, of the great heritage of the Jews throughout the ages. But it is the Morning Freiheit that spreads among the Jewish people the truth about the Soviet Union, its policy of peace and its system of Socialism.

And in these great tasks the Morning Freiheit always could count on the valued and frequent contributions by Comrade Amter. No wonder that he is so beloved

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GARDEN RALLY ANSWERS WILLKIE, LAGUARDIA

Robert Minor, Acting Secretary of the Communist Party, and James W. Ford, outstanding Negro leader, will speak tonight at a Madison Square Garden rally to celebrate the 19th anniversary of the Morning Freiheit and the 60th

birthday of Israel Amter.

Ben Gold, president of the International Fur and Leather workers Union, will also speak. The meeting will begin at 8 P. M.

Minor and Ford Speak at Meeting Tonight

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RAF HITS BACK IN 'WORST' RAID



Women Picket for Peace:

Women members of the Yorkville Peace Council are shown rallying support to the American Peace Mobilization's "roving picket line" which will assemble at 2 o'clock this afternoon at 281 Fourth Ave., and after a march uptown, will demonstrate before the home of Congressman Sol Bloom, administration wheelhorse for war. Photo (right) shows Miss Betty Liveright of the Yorkville Peace Council addressing meeting Thursday night.



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Weather

Local: Partly cloudy and continued cool, local frost in the interior Sunday morning; increasing north winds; highest temperature about 60.

Eastern New York: Partly cloudy and rather cool.

Armada of 400 Planes Blasts at Nazi Ports

Ruin and Deaths Mount on Both Sides as Air War Intensifies

LONDON, Saturday, May 10 (UP).—German air raiders attacked northwestern, western and midland districts of England early today, continuing the relentless bombing of ports, arms plants and RAF bases.

The Nazi raiders appeared to be in fewer numbers than the two preceding nights, possibly because of the heavy losses of 118 planes and about 400 fliers inflicted by the RAF during the first nine days of May.

LONDON, May 9 (UP).—Destruction during the Luftwaffe's worst "total destruction" raids on Britain was claimed tonight after a British armada of 300 to 400 bombers, in a record-breaking dusk to dawn assault, smashed and set fire to the great German ports of Hamburg and Bremen.

It was the Royal Air Force's biggest raid of the war on Germany, unleashed as the Nazi air force carried out costly, widespread "blockade" attacks on Britain's ports and cities.

New American-built bombers and the biggest of all bombs were used in the attack that heaped nearly 1,000 tons of explosives upon the North Sea naval and U-boat centers as well as Berlin and Emden in "remorseless bombardments," it was stated.

ENGULFED IN FLAMES Hamburg and Bremen were engulfed in flames and smoke when the RAF bombers flew home as dawn streaked the sky, leaving behind seas of "raging fires," smashed war industries, docks and oil stores, the Air Ministry said.

British pilots told of "terrible explosions" reaching nearly two miles high and masses of spreading flames so fierce that the burst of huge bombs could not be seen among the infernos.

The assaults cost the British 10 big bombers, the Air Ministry said, an indication of the size of the RAF armada.

Neither German night fighter planes nor blasting anti-aircraft fire was able to drive the British planes away from Bremen and Hamburg, it was stated, and the RAF raiders "reared over in constant parade, dumping their tons of bombs on specified targets."

Although Hamburg and Bremen felt the worst fury of the tens of thousands of bombs and incendiaries, bombs also fell with destructive effect upon Berlin, Emden naval base, the Nazi U-boat lair at St. Nazaire on the French coast and other "selected" targets.

RAIDS ON BRITISH PORTS CONTINUE

LONDON, May 9 (UP).—Unceasing German bombing of British ports, which in nine days has cost the Nazis 118 aircraft and an estimated 400 fliers, is the first phase of Adolf Hitler's campaign to soften British defenses, invade England and win the war this year, British sources believed tonight.

Liverpool and the Merseyside area last night were bombed for the eighth consecutive night; the Humber (Hull) region again was heavily attacked and bombs were showered on many other districts.

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Phelps-Dodge Strikers Win Wage Increase

CIO Workers Rejected Mediation Terms; 3,000 to Benefit

The 1,600 employees of the Elizabeth, N. J., plant of the Phelps-Dodge Copper Products Corp., who two weeks ago voted to reject a settlement proposed by the National Defense Mediation Board, for their strike, have won for themselves and the employees in four other plants, wage increases of 10 cents or more per hour over rates paid last year.

A total of over 3,000 workers will benefit. Agreements drawn up yesterday have been referred to the local unions affected for ratification and, when ratified, will for the first time put this notoriously anti-labor firm under union control.

Results of the negotiations were announced jointly yesterday by James J. Matias, Director of Organization of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America, CIO, and by Wylie Brown, president of Phelps-Dodge. In addition to the Elizabeth plant, workers in the Fort Wayne, Ind., and Los Angeles, Calif., divisions of the company, are covered by the contract, and workers at the Habschaw division, near Yonkers, N. Y., although not covered by the contract, will also get the general wage raise.

The strikers, members of Local 441 of the UER-MWA, had rejected the original proposal of the Mediation Board and had vigorously criticized John Brophy and Clinton Golden, both CIO officials of prominence, who served as alternates on the Board, for attaching their names to the rejected proposal. After the rejection, the union's director of organization, Mr. Matias, succeeded in getting the proposal modified in favor of the strikers.

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Marshall Field, 'PM' Boss, Bans Negroes, Store Manager Admits

Job Jim-Crow Revealed at Interview; Even Shoppers Insulted

By Carl Harris (Special to the Daily Worker)

CHICAGO, Ill., May 9.—Marshall Field III—outstanding war-monger—has been caught here without his britches.

Mr. Field's newspaper, "PM," has been carrying on a big campaign "against job discrimination against Negroes."

But Mr. Field's Employment Manager in Chicago admitted today that Marshall Field & Co. does not employ a single Negro in any of its stores, offices or warehouses here. Obviously, Mr. Field and the 60 other leading exponents of immediate American military entry into the war, who signed a statement condemning Jim Crow, are not concerned over the Negro people at all. These crocodile tears have only one purpose and that is to capture the Negro masses for the war program.

PM SENDS WIRES

Marshall Field's newspaper, "PM," has been sending wires to a number of firms demanding to know why they refuse to employ Negroes. However, no such wire was sent to Marshall Field & Co.

In an interview with Joseph W. Mackemer, Personnel Manager of Marshall Field & Co. today, the Wednesday issue of "PM" was shoved under his nose with the headline, "So you won't hire Negroes? We'd like to know why?"

"Hm," said Mr. Mackemer, "so this is Field's paper?" Well, you see, it's like this. We don't have any

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Gov't Circles Apprehensive Over Nye's Resolution for Gallup Probe

(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 9.—Senator Gerald P. Nye's resolution for an investigation of the Gallup Poll is rapidly reported here to have administration officials worried.

The Nye resolution, providing for "a full and complete study and investigation of polls purporting to measure or indicate the state of public opinion" hits directly at the Gallup Poll which has in recent months become one of the best vehicles for administration war

propaganda.

Increasingly Gallup Poll questions have been slanted and weighted in such a way as to confuse the public and to attempt to create the impression that the majority of people are in favor of convoys and direct American participation in the European war.

Senator Nye's resolution states that the proposed investigation "shall include, but shall not be limited to, determination of the procedure and methods used in

conducting such polls and tabulating the results thereof."

One of the aspects of this picture which Senator Nye is reported to be particularly interested in is the tie-up between the administration and the Gallup.

It is reliably reported here that Dr. George Gallup, Director of the poll, has worked in the closest collaboration with high administration officials, and has consulted

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Vichy Seizes Refugees Bound for New World, Ships Them to Africa Camps

MARSEILLE, France, May 9 (UP).—Between 1,100 and 1,800 foreigners—many of them with exit visas from France and some with steamship tickets to sail for the Western Hemisphere—were given medical examinations aboard the steamer Massilia today, preparatory to their inclusion in North African labor battalions.

The refugees were rounded up suddenly yesterday. Among them was an uncertain number who had tickets for the steamer Winnipeg, which sailed yesterday for Western Hemisphere ports.

The refugees were taken aboard the Massilia just a few hours before the Winnipeg's scheduled sailing time.

There was no official explanation why the government did not permit the refugees to sail. It was claimed that those on the Massilia did not include any Americans, British or Spaniards and that the groups largely comprised Jews and refugees from Czechoslovakia, Poland and Yugoslavia.

It was understood that many of those taken aboard the Massilia not only hold French exit visas but also entrance permits to the United States, Cuba, Mexico or other Latin-American countries.

The Massilia refugees, it was said, will make up the fourth labor battalion to be dispatched to North Africa.

NMU Hails Court Ruling On Seamen's Strike Right

Stresses That Decision Says Men Can Stop Work and Remain Aboard Ship in Port; Five Ordered Reinstated with Back Pay

The National Maritime Union yesterday through its official organ "The Pilot" lauded a ruling this week of the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals in Philadelphia in rendering "one of the most far-reaching decisions in maritime history, the right of seamen to strike in port."

The federal court upheld a National Labor Relations Board order to the Southern Steamship Co. to reinstate five men who were fired in July, 1938, on charges that they had caused an "illegal sit-down" on board the ship while it was in port.

In a lengthy opinion, the court reviewed old and recent court decisions growing out of alleged "mutiny" cases, and declared in a four-to-one ruling that seamen may strike and remain aboard their ship without being accused of conducting a "sit-down."

The court overruled a company complaint that the men were "under articles" when they struck, stating that the seamen have a right to strike whether they are under articles or not.

The five discharged seamen will receive back pay.

U. S. to Send Vichy Wheat Shipments

WASHINGTON, May 9 (UP).—French Ambassador Gaston Henry-Haye revealed today that the United States has agreed to supply unoccupied France with two shiploads of wheat monthly as long as the present status of the Vichy government remains unchanged.

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Schappes Wins Court Stay in School Trial

Reverses First Ruling; Union Hails Victory; Writers Hit Firings

Board of Higher Education removal proceedings against Morris U. Schappes, City College tutor, were temporarily stayed yesterday when the Appellate Division reversed a lower court order refusing an injunction. Only Justice Edward J. Glennon dissented.

Schappes, represented by Attorney Edward Kuntz, had sought to defer the proceedings until after disposition of criminal charges against him. Both actions arose out of testimony he gave before the Rapp-Coudert legislative committee investigating alleged subversive activities in the city's school system.

The court opinion, reversing a decision of Supreme Court Justice Laidore Wasservogel, was brief:

"The proceedings before the Board of Higher Education to remove the plaintiff should be adjourned until after the disposition of the criminal action pending against him. To that extent the order appealed from should be reversed and the motion granted."

REVERSE ORDER

"The order should provide, however, that the defendant (the city's corporation counsel) may move to vacate if the trial of the criminal action is unduly delayed. The order should be reversed with \$30 costs

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British Intensify Iraq War; Fear New Nazi Blows on Near East Fronts

Extend Control of Basra; Claim Iraq Air Force Is 'Annihilated'

LONDON, May 9 (UP).—British forces today moved swiftly to crush the war in Iraq following reports that Germany is massing parachute and other troops in the Greek Aegean Islands and in Libya and Sicily for new blows on the Near Eastern battlefield.

Authoritative quarters said that Imperial troops had extended their control of Iraq's only outlet to the Persian Gulf, the port of Basra, by occupying the entire commercial area including banks and telegraph offices.

West of Baghdad on the Euphrates, Iraqi troops were said to have retreated from positions dominating Habbaniya air base and cantonment while British planes continued bombardments of military objectives around Baghdad itself.

British armored cars, supported by Imperial troops and Iraqi native levies, have inflicted "heavy casualties" on the Iraqis in the past 24 hours in the Habbaniya area and captured large quantities of war materials including six howitzers, other guns and four armored cars, a Cairo communiqué said tonight.

DESTROY 25 PLANES

The destruction of 25 more Iraqi planes, virtually "annihilating" Iraq's tiny air force, was reported after RAF bombings of four Iraqi airbases around Baghdad.

At Shahrabani airport north of Baghdad four Iraqi planes were bombed on the ground and at Bakuba airport three planes were destroyed and others damaged.

At Hanaidi airport an Iraqi Italian-made Savoia bomber, three Italian Bredas and one other plane were bombed and machine-gunned. It was stated, and oil stores at the airport were believed to have been set afire.

The Baghdad airdrome was bombed again Thursday and large fires started.

The RAF in Cairo announced that a "very big and important" fire was raging at Baghdad's Moscar Rashid airdrome after a heavy RAF bombing Thursday.

The Middle East Command said that the last of the Iraqi troops had been driven from a plateau overlooking Habbaniya air base, 65 miles west of Baghdad, and that "the remnants of dissident elements of the Iraqi army which attacked Habbaniya have withdrawn toward Ramadi and Falluja" to the east.

SEE NAZIS PREPARING TO MOVE THROUGH SYRIA

BUDAPEST, May 9 (UP).—The Hungarian government press said tonight that France is preparing, in negotiations now underway, to give Germany the right to send troops across Syria and also into Dakar on the Atlantic coast of French West Africa.

German forces would be permitted to march to Dakar, it was reported, in order to "prevent any possible American landing there."

Invite Canada Legislator to Vets' Chicago Parley

Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade yesterday invited William Kardash, newly-elected member of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba, Canada, who fought in Spain, to take part in their coming convention in Chicago over the Decoration Day weekend.

Kardash, one of the first volunteers to join the Mackenzie-Papineau Battalion, lost a leg in Spain. Running on an anti-war platform he had the highest vote in a field of seven candidates from his Winnipeg district.

Lisbon Press Reports 105 Dead in Sinking

LISBON, Portugal, May 9 (UP).—The newspaper O Seculo reported from Sao Vicente, Cape Verde, today that 105 persons were killed or drowned when the British ship Calchas was torpedoed. The newspaper said that 55 persons had been rescued and had arrived in the Cape Verde Islands.

Drive on Yuanchu

CHUNGKING, China, May 9 (UP).—Japanese troops have been making a large scale drive against Yuanchu and other ferry towns on the north bank of the Yellow river since Wednesday, a communiqué said today.

It admitted the fall of Tsiyuan, in Honan province.

Deny Closing Burma Rd.

CHUNGKING, May 9 (UP).—British ambassador to China Sir Archibald Clark-Kerr denied reports today that the Burma road would be closed.



BROWDER Says

"WITHOUT the Party, there would only be so many individuals, with all their limitations, with little more significance than any other equal number of individuals. As the Party, working as a united whole, upon scientific principles, and drawing upon the accumulated wisdom of man-

kind, this collection of individuals multiply their power in geometrical ratio, and become a significant and inescapable national political force even while the Party is still quite small."—"The Second Imperialist War," by Earl Browder.

Police Attack Demonstrators In Venezuela

Workers Assail Brutal Regime at Medina's Inauguration

(Special to Intercontinental News)

CARACAS, Venezuela, May 9.—Medina's presidential term in Venezuela was inaugurated on April 28 with a brutal police attack upon demonstrators before the Capitol building here who were demanding universal and direct suffrage, legalization of all political parties, an end to concessions to Yankee imperialism and the keeping of Venezuela out of the imperialist war.

Several of the demonstrators were severely wounded, and many were taken prisoner.

Newspapermen who took pictures of the police attack were hauled into court and deprived of their cameras.

The demonstration was called before the Capitol building to protest the election of the President by Congress. The demonstrators demanded that the President of Venezuela be elected directly by the free vote of all Venezuelans.

IMPRISONMENT OF BROWDER CONDEMNED IN JIGUANI, CUBA

(Special to Intercontinental News)

HAVANA, Cuba, May 9.—The Municipal Executive Committee of the Union-Revolutionary Communist Party of Jiguani has gone on record demanding the freedom of Earl Browder.

In a letter of greetings to Earl Browder, the Jiguani Committee of the Communist Party declared:

"They have taken you to Atlantic penitentiary to silence the voice of the struggle of the American, something which can never be achieved."

The letter was signed by the President of the Jiguani Committee, Dr. Petronio Diegues Castellano.

Soviet Pavilion At Budapest Fair Thronged

People Crowd Building to Study Details of USSR Exhibit

(Wireless to Intercontinental News)

BUDAPEST, May 9.—The Soviet Pavilion at the International Fair here is a big success.

The Social Democratic newspaper "Nepesava" described the attendance at the Soviet Pavilion as follows:

"So great was the influx of visitors that a strong police force had to be summoned to keep order. Many stirring scenes could be witnessed among the crowd. Some were not even afraid to make their way to their goal through the mounted police cordon."

"A long queue of many thousands gathered in front of the pavilion. Inside the pavilion was also crowded."

"The visitors were interested in every detail. Everyone wants some souvenir."

"One elderly woman, for example, has taken an ear of wheat from a sheaf on display. 'Having done so the woman was somewhat self-conscious at her own action, but others soon followed suit and as if approving her action began to tear ears from the sheaves as if it were not wheat but lilac blossoms.'"

"The books attract particular attention from the visitors."

Engrossed in Books

"Some become so engrossed in the books and albums showing the happy, smiling people, the humming work, a locomotive speeding across mountains and valleys, that they forget their own existence."

"A huge red diagram displayed in the pavilion shows the country represented by it occupies 21,700,000 square kilometers and has over 193,000,000 population."

"The pavilion shows the work of these people, their economic progress and cultural life."

"The newspaper 'Pesti Ujsag' notes that an unprecedented number of people desire to visit the Soviet Union."

Throughout Sunday big crowds of visitors lingered outside the Soviet pavilion waiting for a chance to enter.

Cuban Leaders Express 'Regards' of People in Stirring Letters to Browder

The following letters to Earl Browder—two among many—are from Blas Roca, General Secretary of the Communist Party of Cuba, and from Juan Marinello, President of the Union Revolucionaria Comunista Party.

I do not wish that as you begin serving your honorable imprisonment you should be without word of my loyalty and comradeship if only for the reason that it brings to you, of which there can be no doubt, the sympathy of the Cuban people for you and your work.

Your imprisonment has evoked in our people, the Cuban masses, an emotion and a consciousness: An emotion, because we cannot remain without feeling in the face of an aggression against one who has at all times been faithful to the fundamental interests of our people; a consciousness, because the punishment imposed on you is putting on guard the workers, peasants, honest intellectuals, and progressive groups of Cuba, against that which might happen in Cuba in the near future. If onrushing imperialism has rewarded your exemplary vigilance with prison, what will not happen in our colonial

countries where, since time immemorial, individual rights have been violently disregarded by the agents of U. S. financial capitalism and by the reactionary politicians at their service?

Your imprisonment has had the effect of arousing people somewhat removed from the peoples' daily struggle for improved conditions; many who until now have considered our teachings as exaggerated and excessive, have seen now, in view of your case, the truth of our word. The movement for your freedom is gathering strength. I do not hesitate to say that soon it will be as widespread as it is resolute. We shall always be indebted to you, in addition to protesting the flagrant injustice, this added service of revealing the real objectives of the war mongers and their collaborators.

I wish you the best of health so that when you leave prison, which I am certain will be very soon, you will be able to continue your invaluable services to us. With most cordial regards, your very devoted friend,

JUAN MARINELLO.

Accept my most affectionate and brotherly greetings. As great as my affection for you is, so much greater is my indignation

at your unjustified imprisonment. Thousands of Cuban men and women share these sentiments which cannot easily be described in words.

I remember, in particular, your devoted attention to the problems of my country, whose progress, well-being, and complete independence you desired as much as the best Cubans. I remember, with infinite gratitude, your efforts towards the betterment and well-being of the Cuban workers, downthrown by the same North American trusts and monopolies who have engineered your imprisonment in order to hinder the unity of the American peoples and draw this continent into the present war.

I know that you have sufficient moral force to withstand the sufferings that the enemies of humanity have inflicted on you, but I wish to bring to you, as a cheering message, the endearing words of those who, here in Cuba, are ceaselessly striving to win your freedom, which is really the freedom of the people.

If you have won the hatred of the reactionaries, know that you also have the love of all the progressive peoples who are fighting for a better world.

Once again I greet you.

BLAS ROCA.



Photo (1936) shows arrival of first-aid truck in one of the outlying districts of the Tannu-Tuva People's Republic to give medical aid. The residents of the district are interested in seeing what makes it work. Country is rugged and mountainous; the mineral wealth has not yet been tapped.

Tuva Republic to Celebrate 20th Year of Soviet Liberty

Youngest Asiatic State, Formerly Land of Illiterate Nomads, Has Flourishing Economy, Culture Under USSR Policies

(Wireless to Intercontinental News)

MOSCOW, May 9.—The Tuva People's Republic, which in July will celebrate the twentieth anniversary of its existence as an independent state, is one of the youngest states of Asia. Like the Mongolian People's Republic, this Republic became an independent state after the October Revolution in Russia which awakened the oppressed peoples of the east to a new life.

Tuva is situated in the very heart of the continent of Asia between Soviet eastern Siberia and the Mongolian People's Republic. It extends for more than 200,000 square kilometers and is surrounded on all sides by mountain ranges.

The territory of Tuva is covered with lakes and numerous swift mountain rivers flowing into the upper reaches of the Yenisei River. About forty per cent of the territory is covered by forests: cedar, larch, pine, fir, birch, poplar and other trees, typical of Siberia as well as a profusion of brushwood typical of the prairie and desert.

RICH LANDS

Rich forest land alternates with the grass-covered steppes which make excellent pastures. The wealth of Tuva's vast, untapped mineral resources is not yet known, but it already has been established that there is coal, copper, iron and uranium ores, graphite, asbestos, magnesite, mica, lignite, oil, salt, etc.

Only gold, salt and coal are being mined at present. Prior to the revolution for national liberation in 1921 which cleared the country of white guards as well as of the Japanese and Chinese armies of occupation, Tuva was dismembered both politically and economically. Its people, nomad herdsmen known as arats, were exploited and robbed, first by the Chinese and subsequently by the Russian capitalists.

During the Civil War that followed the socialist revolution in Russia, Tuva was overrun by white guard bands. On August 13, 1921, the Tuvians arats had overthrown the rule of the feudal lords and freed themselves from foreign domination, the Tuva Constituent Assembly declared the country an independent state.

SOVIET INDEPENDENCE

The Soviet government freed Tuva from the protectorate of Russia fraudulently established by the Czarist government and recognized its independence.

This was the beginning of a new life for the arats and they began to develop their productive forces and reorganized their country along new lines. Prior to 1921 many of the herdsmen owned no livestock while over thirty per cent of the country's livestock was in the hands of the feudal lords and monasteries. After 1921 all the livestock, the country's basic national wealth, became the property of the working arats. The country which in the past had no alphabet of its own, whose population was completely illiterate, and whose people had been befuddled by lamas and shamans is now developing a new culture. As recently as 1930 when the national alphabet was introduced only about 1.5 per cent of the population could read and write in the foreign Mongolian language. During the years from 1930 to 1939 Tuva brought the literacy of its population up to 85 per cent. Not a single one of the former 22 monasteries remains but the Republic is covered with a network of schools and hospitals. Three newspapers and three magazines are published in the Tuvian language and have a mass circulation. Over 300 books have been published, including textbooks, political literature and literary works.

Tuva's foreign trade is conducted chiefly with the Soviet Union. It imports consumers' goods, machinery and equipment and exports

cattle products from its animal husbandry, furs, fish, etc.

The arats have long been livestock breeders. The income from cattle-breeding at present accounts for 50 per cent of the national economy. Since the anti-feudal, anti-imperialist popular revolution of 1921 the livestock breeding has undergone a complete change. At present 95.85 per cent of the livestock in the republic belongs to the working arats, 48 per cent to the state farms and 3.67 per cent to various organizations and citizens of other nationalities.

CULTIVATION BOOMS

In 1930 the total cultivated area comprised 37,250 acres; in 1939—90,250 acres. The average cultivated area increased from about an acre per household in 1930 to nearly three acres in 1939. This comparatively big increase coupled with improved methods of farming has resulted in increased yields which in turn facilitated the development of livestock breeding.

It also solves the problem of providing the Republic with its own grain which in turn strengthens the independence and self-sufficiency of the Tuvian state. Tuva has vast possibilities for the further development of agriculture. There are more than two and a half million acres of fertile virgin land suitable for agriculture. Numerous mountain rivers afford the possibility for

Mourn Death of Leading Czech Communist

Member of Communist International Was 60 Years Old

(Wireless to Intercontinental News)

MOSCOW, May 9.—The death here yesterday of Ouhmir Smeral, leading member of the Czech revolutionary movement, was mourned today by leading members of the Communist International.

Smeral, who was a member of the International Control Commission of the Communist International and of the executive committee of the International Labor Defense, was 60 years old. The statement mourning his death was signed by Georgi Dimitroff, general secretary of the Communist International; Klement Gottwald, Vladimir Kopecky, Sverma, Dmitri Manulsky, M. Ercoli, Wilhelm Pieck, Andre Marty, Dolores Ibarruri, Wilhelm Florin, Matthias Rakai, Kopenig, Bogdanov and Tskvakaja.

The statement on Smeral's death follows:

"After a long, serious illness Comrade Ouhmir Smeral, one of the leading functionaries of the Czech revolutionary movement, a member of the International Control Commission of the Communist International and of the executive committee of the International Labor Defense, died in Moscow May 8.

"Comrade Smeral was born Oct. 25, 1880, in the town of Trebisch, Moravia, in the family of a teacher. Already in his student years he formed close ties with the working class and after graduating from the university he placed himself entirely at the service of the labor movement in Austria-Hungary, soon becoming one of its leading functionaries. In 1911 Comrade Smeral was elected by the Czech workers deputy to the Vienna parliament.

"Together with the working class, Comrade Smeral passed through the school of class battles and was

Japanese Bomb Chungking, 50 Die in Attack

150 Wounded, American Methodist School Is Damaged

(Wireless to Intercontinental News)

SIXTY-three Japanese bombers raided Chungking shortly after noon today, killing at least 50 persons and wounding 150. Damaged structures included the Chiu Ching Middle School of the American Methodist Mission.

The school reported no casualties. Damage was caused to the residence of British Ambassador Sir Archibald Clark-Kerr.

among the first in the ranks of the Czech labor movement to side with the great October Socialist Revolution. The indefatigable work of Comrade Smeral and his authority among the workers greatly contributed to the fact that the majority of the Czech proletariat, after freeing themselves from Social Democratic influence, rallied under the banners of the Communist International.

"Comrade Smeral was one of the founders of the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia. A permanent member of its Central Committee since its foundation and a deputy to parliament, Comrade Smeral was also for a number of years a member of the leading organs of the Communist International. He carried on tireless work in the ranks of the international Communist movement and exerted particular efforts to strengthen international labor solidarity.

"The death of Comrade Smeral, a heavy loss not only for the Czech proletariat, but also for the whole labor movement. The workers will always remember the 40 years of tireless activity of Comrade Smeral, his self-sacrificing struggle in the interests of the working class, his loyalty to the great ideals of Communism."



TOMORROW IS BUT ONE SHORT DAY

THAT we commemorate tomorrow by paying special tribute to the mothers of America is good and wise. The burden on a mother's shoulders is many-fold; every trial and tribulation of the family—and of every individual in it—is hers, as well.

In these critical days mother's main job is likely to be the pressing one of keeping family income balanced with the family's demands. Food—clothing—rent are all climbing higher every day. Prices on necessities for everyday living gets steeper and steeper. The nightmare of low wages, uncertain jobs and haunting insecurity gets more grim under the strain of a war hysteria.

This very war hysteria threatens the welfare and education of her children. Defending their impressionable minds from the war-mad propaganda of press, radio and other sources is a task with which she needs real help.

All in all it's a pretty thoughtful step if we all decide to give mother a hand every day in the year—and not simply on Mother's Day. After all—tomorrow is only one short day.

Naturally, the International Workers Order suggests you present her with a gift that last 365 days—a membership in our great fraternal benefit society. The protection in case of sickness and accident will give her great peace of mind (especially if she has to help out the family budget by working). The chance to keep up with world affairs, to go to the interesting meetings, to take part in lodge life, to "let loose" all her hidden urges to sing, or dance, or act—will give her welcome relaxation and recreation from household chores.

If mother is already enjoying the advantages of an IWO membership there's another suggestion for a surprise gift which would please her: present the youngsters in the family with IWO Junior Memberships.

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Youth Leader Urges City Act In TWU Issue

Local Youth Congress Writes Mayor for Settlement

In an open letter to Mayor La Guardia, Tom Jones, chairman of the New York Youth Congress and prominent Negro youth leader, urged the immediate settling in a democratic fashion of the issues of controversy between the city and the Transport Workers Union, by collective bargaining.

The letter, giving the Youth Congress' position on the dispute was sent after a meeting of youth leaders at which Mr. John Santo, national secretary-treasurer of the Transport Workers Union outlined the background of the present Transit situation and explained the union's series of grievances that have developed since unification. Mr. Santo clearly emphasized the union's position on strike. He said, "Our union is anxious to represent our members in this situation in the democratic American way—through collective bargaining with the management, in this case the city officials. Any talk of strike on the subway has come from the office of the Mayor or other city officials."

The letter to the Mayor called attention to the fact that the meeting of youth leaders, held at the YWCA, 135 E. 52nd St., was called in order to hear both sides of the story but that the Board of Transportation "did not choose to send a representative," after repeated written and telephone invitations. The letter states:

"This problem (the transit controversy) is one that concerns all of us, it is more than a simple question involving the workers and management of a company. The welfare of our entire community is very much a part of the issues involved."

The Mayor was reminded in the letter of his stand on previous occasions. It continues, "The Transport Workers Union has stated publicly that they do not want to strike. The issue involved here is one of the democratic right of workers to deal in a democratic fashion with their employers, in an effort to obtain fairer wage standards, improved working conditions and job security. This, Mr. Mayor, is a principle you have subscribed to many times in the past."

"As young people, the future workers of America, we feel that the labor unions are securing our futures through their efforts to win decent wages and working conditions."

"We urge, therefore, that no time be wasted in meeting with the representatives of the workers on the subway systems to discuss their problems with them."

Postpone Trial Of Lepke on New Charges

Louis (Lepke) Buchalter, who once ruled the biggest city's richest rackets, pleaded timidly in Kings County court yesterday for a chance to save his life.

Accompanied to court by 10 federal officers and guarded while there by 15 policemen and as many detectives, the one-time big shot obtained a week's postponement of his arraignment on first degree murder charges in order to find an attorney to defend him.

Now serving 14 years in federal prison for traffic in narcotics and under sentence of 30 years in state prison in connection with the flour trucking racket he used to run, Buchalter faces death in the electric chair if he is convicted on the new charges.

CIO Launches San Francisco Hotel Drive

Organizing Committee Set Up; Rathborne Heads Campaign

(Special to the Daily Worker)

SAN FRANCISCO, May 9.—Local headquarters of the CIO announced today the launching of an organizing drive among the employees of San Francisco hotels, and the issuance of an industrial union charter to San Francisco hotel workers. The new union has been named the United Hotel Employees, CIO.

The CIO has set up a special Hotel Employees Organizing Committee under the leadership of Mervyn Rathborne, local CIO secretary, to conduct the organizational drive.

In announcing the hotel organizing campaign, Mr. Rathborne said: "We have had hundreds of requests in the past months to organize hotel workers. While the present union agreement was in force the CIO refused to take action. Now that the agreement is about to expire we have decided to establish an industrial union for hotel employees."

"Industrial organization for hotel workers is long overdue. Since the initial organization of these workers some four years ago the hotel industry has suffered from interminable jurisdictional disputes between various AFL craft unions. The internationalists involved have been plagued with such racketeers and gangsters as George Scallie, constantly fought against themselves, taken court action against each other and against their local unions, established jurisdictional picket lines and in general have sacrificed the interests of the workers."

"The local Hotel Employees Organizing Committee has the full support of the national CIO in this drive to establish an effective industrial union for the employees of San Francisco hotels. The CIO intends to establish unity of the hotel workers—unity that is sorely needed. We will put an end to all jurisdictional quarrels and build a single union of hotel workers capable of representing them properly and servicing their needs. In the light of developments and in the manner in which the AFL has failed to take care of the welfare of these workers we anticipate no opposition in our campaign."

The appeal Division yesterday unanimously denied the appeal of Fritz Kuhn, former leader of the German-American Bund, from his conviction on charges of larceny of Bund funds and forgery.

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Wage increases and many other improvements were included in the contract covering the workers of the Butler Specialties Co. (above) signed by Chicago Local 18B of the CIO United Furniture Workers of America. The second convention of the union opens in Chicago on May 19.

CIO Furniture Union Marks Big Gains on Eve of Parley

Detroit AFL Teamsters Out on Strike

Walkout of 3,000 to Spread Unlaid Pay Rise Is Met

(Special to the Daily Worker)

DETROIT, May 9.—The AFL Teamsters union called a strike yesterday in 174 lumber companies, and declared that by Monday 25,000 workers will be affected in the union's efforts to win higher wages for teamsters working on driving lumber.

Three thousand drivers actually will be on strike, with the others supporting and aiding the struggle through solidarity action. William W. Roe, Teamsters business agent, predicted that 39,000 truck drivers would strike next week if the demands for the teamsters driving lumber is not granted by the lumber bosses association.

Thirty lumber yards are closed with picket slogans stating their demands for wage increases, recognition of the Teamsters union, hours and working conditions.

Michigan Communists Fight Ban

Delegation to Flay Bill Denying Ballot at Tuesday Hearing

(Special to the Daily Worker)

DETROIT, May 9.—The House Bill 408, passed by the Michigan House of Representatives, and now in the Senate elections committee, barring the Communist Party from the ballot, which also gives the Secretary of State the power to designate what parties shall be on the ballot, comes up for public hearing, Tuesday, May 13, in Lansing.

Elmer Johnson, state chairman of the Michigan Communist Party, today said, that the Party will demand at the hearing that the Committee kill the bill.

Johnson pointed out that the bill while aimed at banning the Party from the ballot had another major purpose: that of preventing a third party of labor and the people.

"This can be done very easily by the Secretary of State, who has the powers to state which parties shall be on the ballot. He can simply refuse to place a third party such as a Farmer-Labor Party on the ballot, with the excuse that Communists or others are members of an organization that is part of the new third party," said Johnson.

The bill is so sweeping, said the Party state chairman, that if some stool-pigeon comes to the secretary of state with the claim that within a labor union or farmers organization, there is a Communist, then the bill's provisions are such that he is "forced to refuse to place the party on the ballot."

Johnson called upon all labor and progressive forces in the state to wire their protests against this type of "Ja" election set-up.

Convention to Open on May 19 in Chicago; Won Labor Polls

(Special to the Daily Worker)

CHICAGO, May 9.—An unbroken chain of smashing union victories provides the curtain-raiser for the second convention of the CIO United Furniture Workers of America which opens here on Monday, May 19 at the Morrison Hotel.

Two hundred and fifty delegates will arrive here to mark a new era in the life of this young but fast-growing organization which has now outstripped itself in a formerly open-shop and low wage industry.

On the eve of the opening of the convention the Chicago Local 18B has announced victories in six labor board elections and the winning of contracts and wage increases in a number of shops.

NATIONWIDE GAINS

Notable gains are also being scored in Los Angeles, Cleveland and New York. The UFWA is also carrying on a vigorous campaign in the South among the unorganized furniture workers in North Carolina, Virginia and Arkansas.

"Some two years ago," declared a statement by Morris Muster, UFWA president, "the Rockford convention officially established our International and gave it form and organizational direction and purpose. We meet in our second convention to examine the work of the past two years and to strengthen our organization for the great tasks ahead."

"I am a little proud of this great organization of ours. We've given honest and effective leadership to the workers in our industry and have gained the reputation of giving full support to the workers fighting to build our organization and win improved wages and conditions."

Thus we have been able to penetrate into many important centers of our industry and the workers recognize the United Furniture Workers of America as their most effective instrument."

Among the significant victories of the union in Chicago was the winning of pay for draftees at the Storkline Furniture Co. and the S. Karpen Brothers shop.

LABOR POLL VICTORIES

In Chicago also the recent Labor Board election victory for the union at the O. C. S. Olsen Co., was the latest in a series of election victories at the following plants:

Kroll Bros. (Chicago Baby Carriage Co.); Continental Cushion Spring Co.; Clemenson Co.

In addition a signed contract at the Cowan Co. provided a 5 cent an hour increase, a 50-cent minimum, and union shop. At Butler Specialties Co. a wage increase has also been negotiated.

In an article in the May issue of the Furniture Workers Press, organ of the UFWA, Joseph D. Persily, chairman of District 6, deals with "The Midwest—Key to UFWA Strength."

"We can cite a hundred small Midwest towns," Persily declared, "which pay furniture workers the meagre minimum of 30 cents, with the average for the plant about 35 cents an hour."

"The Midwest does not have prohibitive poll taxes, yet our organizational weakness in the Midwest is responsible for reactionary politicians being voted into office who defeat pro-labor laws and pass legislation to tie the hands of labor, while serving the interests of those profiteers responsible for their election."

Luce 'Explains' Non-Union Printer for Time and Life

(Special to the Daily Worker)

CHICAGO, Ill., May 9.—Time, Incorporated, publishers of the two magazines known as Time and Life, are sending out hundreds of form letters to potential customers in an effort to excuse the non-union status of their publications.

Time and Life are printed by the union-hating R. R. Donnelley & Sons Co. (Lakeside Press), Chicago. The letters admit that the Donnelley concern is non-union but claim that that is no affair of the publishers. Nevertheless, they seek the patronage of the members and friends of organized labor.

Time, Incorporated, claims to have a working agreement with the New York Newspaper Guild, yet

the firm refuses to consider removing its publications to a union printing office.

In previous form letters the publishers of Time and Life have issued misleading statements to the effect that the anti-union Donnelley firm is the only printing office in the United States properly equipped to produce its publications. The Chicago printing trade unions contend that there are any number of union shops throughout the country that are better equipped to handle the publications than Donnelley.

The printers appeal to all members and friends of organized labor to refrain from patronizing Time and Life magazines until such time as they are printed under union conditions.

Union Sues WPA To Force Rehiring Of Fired Workers

Teachers Charge Administrators With Violating 1941 Emergency Relief Act; Appeal to Office In Capital Reveals Gov't Inspires Firing

WPA Teachers Union Local 453 disclosed yesterday that it was bringing suit against the WPA for violating the 1941 Emergency Relief Act by refusing immediately to reinstate workers returning to the projects after temporary private employment. The union's action followed a public accusation by Major Irving V. A. Hule, New

York City administrator, alleging that WPA workers were circumventing 18-month rule and that new regulations to cope with this violation were being put into effect.

The union decided to take the question to court after an appeal to Washington disclosed, in a letter to William Lever by Ernest L. Marbury, Assistant Director, that the national authorities not only approve the new local regulations but have actually inspired them. The union charged that the regulations, delayed for many weeks the reinstatement of workers returning from temporary private employment.

A typical case submitted to Washington showed that a worker who resigned for a private job which lasted from April 11 until April 26, was first given an appointment for a preliminary investigation for May 8. As of today the workers has not yet been reinstated despite the fact that he is completely eligible and lost his private job through no fault of his own. He earned some \$40 on his private job and has already lost double that sum because of the delay in his reinstatement. The law specifically directs that WPA workers be reinstated immediately upon losing private employment through no fault of their own.

"Our court action is for the purpose of exposing the fraudulent claim that the decline in WPA employment is due to absorptions by private industry. The outright firing of thousands of workers would expose the administration's complete bankruptcy in meeting the problems of the unemployed at home while feverish preparations are being made for war abroad. It is therefore trying to cloak the firings in a maze of rules and regulations intended to snipe off workers individually. Nor

does the administration seem to care whether these trick rules and regulations are lawful or in direct violation of existing legislation."

Baltimore to Hold Browder Birthday Rally

(Special to the Daily Worker)

BALTIMORE, May 9.—A Browder anniversary celebration has been planned here for Wednesday, May 21, at Odd Fellows Hall, Lantana and McCulloch Sts., at 8 P. M. Featured speakers will be Benjamin Davis Jr., of the Daily Worker staff and Alac Weiss, national secretary of the Young Communist League.

William C. Taylor, state chairman of the Communist Party of Maryland, will preside. The meeting is under the joint auspices of the Communist Party of Maryland and the Young Communist League.

Amirato was first blocked, it was learned, at a meeting of the Shop Delegates Council which consists of the shop chairmen. Speaker after speaker denounced the move to institute a Little Dies Inquisition in the union.

"I'd rather be red than yellow," said Charles Vigorito, who was once president of the union. "Everyone knows I have no love for the Communists, but whatever I learned from the labor movement is thanks to the Communists."

Defeated in the council, the Amirato group, it was learned, planned to come into the membership meeting with a proposal to name an "investigating" committee on Communists in the union.

DROPS PLAN

At the membership meeting he met with the same overwhelming opposition and did not even bring out his proposal. Amirato dropped the plan to expel the persons he claimed were Communists, with a statement that he expected the state organization of the Textile Workers Union to take red-baiting action.

From many speakers came such questions as "What is this, another lecture on Communism?"

"Who is to decide whether a man is a Communist?" asked one worker. "We can decide by their action," Amirato replied.

Another member recalled that the people now targets as Communists were actually the founders of the union in 1933-34.

Erie Rubber Strike Firm In 6th Week

(Special to the Daily Worker)

ERIE, Pa., May 9.—With local officials summoned to Washington by the Defense Mediation Board, the workers at the Continental Rubber Co. plant here entered their sixth week of a complete shutdown of the plant here.

The 750 workers, all members of Local 61, United Rubber Workers Union, went on strike April 2 after the company had refused to grant a ten cent an hour wage increase to day emps, a ten percent increase to piece workers and an improved paid vacation plan. The union wants one week vacation with pay for all employees and an additional week's vacation for all workers with more than one year's service.

Granting of increases would mean an average wage of \$29 weekly. The company's profits last years were more than \$200,000 with a much curtailed production schedule. Best company offer to date is for a five cent an hour increase.

The strike has been certified to the Defense Mediation Board because the company is possessor of defense orders. Chief such order, however, is for rubber mountings for waste paper baskets to be used in OPM and other Administration offices in Washington.

'War Ravings' Hit by Coast Federation

Federation Says Pepper, Stimson Do Not Talk for People

(Special to the Daily Worker)

SEATTLE, May 9.—The Washington Commonwealth Federation today denounced the "war-mad ravings" of Senator Pepper and Secretary Stimson.

"They may have spoken after consultation with President Roosevelt," Hugh DeLacy, WCF president, said, "but they do not speak for the American people. Americans are not willing to spill their blood to grab Greenland, grab Africa, grab Tokio."

DeLacy declared it was time for our people to "get tough" with our own warmakers and would-be dictators.

"Speak out for peace now, both as an individual and through your organization," DeLacy urged.

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THAT 'DISAPPEARING' UNEMPLOYMENT IS HERE AGAIN

The National Association of Manufacturers and the Chamber of Commerce may chortle with glee that the "defense" program is wiping out unemployment, but the facts are otherwise.

Refutation, in fact, comes from one of their own papers, the New York Sun, which considers the unemployment situation serious enough to have an editorial written on the subject.

Under the title "Many Are Still Jobless," the Sun points out that although employment in business and industry has risen 5 per cent since last July, WPA rolls have risen nearly 6 per cent in that period and some places have shown an increase in home relief cases. (And

since relief appropriations have been cut, these figures give only an incomplete idea of the total unemployment!)

The Sun also points out that last March in New York City, 9,821 home relief cases were closed, but 10,288 were added to the rolls.

Of the 9,821 removed from the rolls (some were transferred to WPA) only 2,181 found work in private employment.

The Sun presents these figures but does not say WHY this is the case. The Daily Worker, however, has explained this continued employment on many occasions. The cause is to be found in the fact that the "defense" program

is economically unhealthy. While production is increased in "defense" industries, it is deliberately cut in non-"defense" and consumer industries (as the Daily Worker will show in detail in articles beginning next week). Meanwhile, in the "defense" industries, speed-up is the order of the day in an effort to hire as few new workers as possible.

The answer to the grave unemployment problem is to be found in shorter hours, cutting down of speed-up, more wage increases and encouragement of non-"defense" production, and an adequate relief and work project program.

Nye Tells Senate of Anglo-Nazi Tieup in U. S. Chemical Trust

Huge California Firm Sells War Supplies to Tokio, Makes Huge Profits from U. S., and Dominates Workers in Feudal Co. Town

By Adam Lapin
(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 9.—The strange story of a big anti-labor corporation which is owned jointly by Nazi and British capital, sells war supplies to Japan and makes substantial profits from the United States arms program leaked out today.

In a sensational speech on the Senate floor, Senator Gerald P. Nye, North Dakota Republican, exposed the activities of this company—the deceptive, named American Potash and Chemical Corporation.

Sensor Nye declared the American Potash owns "lock, stock and barrel" the company town of Trona, in the Mojave Desert in California. He described Trona as a "foreign colonial outpost."

COMPANY DOMINATION

Some 1,200 workers at Trona, Nye said, are forced in on company property, forced to buy at company stores at higher prices, and paid lower wages than workers employed by other companies at similar jobs.

Organized by the CIO International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers, employees of American Potash at Trona have been on strike for higher wages and better conditions for more than 7 weeks.

Summing up the startling story of American Potash and Chemical, Nye declared:

"Here then, is the picture we are confronted with, that of a British managed colony on American soil, extracting huge profits from a vital defense industry, transmitting these profits to a mysterious group of so-called Dutch interests, and until recently, at least, shipping some of these vital products to Japan."

As perhaps in no similar case, the story of American Potash symbolizes the way in which the world's big munitions companies transcend all national barriers in order to clean up on the sale of materials of death.

NAZI-BRITISH LINK

Ownership in the company is shared by Nazi interests and by Gold Fields, Ltd., British company which is a wholly owned subsidiary of New Consolidated Goldfields of South Africa, Ltd., which in turn is a subsidiary of the Consolidated Goldfields, Ltd.

The Gold Fields group originally owned American Potash and Chemical outright but in 1939 sold a considerable share of its interests. To substantiate this point, Nye quoted from a recent report, prepared by Willard Thorp and Ernest A. Tupper, for the Department of Commerce and submitted to the Department of Justice, as follows:

"In 1939 the Gold Fields group sold a substantial portion of the shares registered in their names and owned by them to a group of Netherlands companies."

With the conquest of Holland by the Nazi armies, these so-called Netherlands companies were, of course, taken over by German financial interests.

But apparently this has not disrupted profitable relationship between the Nazi and British financial groups involved. While Nazi ownership is apparently dominant, the British Gold Fields group still has a substantial block of stocks.

In addition, the controlling Nazi groups have permitted Gold Fields, Ltd., the British company, to continue to manage the colonial outpost at Trona.

LARGEST PRODUCER

Senator Nye said that "this foreign-owned and foreign-directed plant is the largest potash and mineral producer of its kind in the world."

"From its factories in California some large quantities of bromine, which is an essential ingredient to the conversion of ordinary gasoline into high-grade aviation gasoline and which is used in the manufacture of poison gas," he declared.

"One of its largest customers is our potential enemy, Japan," Nye stated.

At the same time American Potash has also been cleaning up substantially on orders from American companies which are engaged in production of government arms contracts.

Nye stated that the profits of American Potash in 1939 were \$3,250,000, amounting to the astounding total of \$2,300 per employee.

In describing conditions at Trona, Nye said:

"Do the people use United States currency in making their purchases in this outpost? They do not. A company scrip is the medium of exchange. Are the stores run there owned by American citizens? They are not. They are owned and operated by the foreign management."

"Are the workers able to purchase their groceries and clothing elsewhere? As a practical matter, they are not. The company scrip is a subtly designed suggestion to the employee to buy from his employer or look elsewhere for a job and the company owns the only railroad leading into the area."

22,000 Join CIO Lumber Strike in West

Workers Demand Wage Increases and Other Improvements

(Special to the Daily Worker)

SEATTLE, May 9.—In the largest walkout in the history of the lumber industry, 22,000 members of the International Woodworkers of America, CIO, today struck in Southern and Northern Washington for a seven and one-half cent an hour wage increase, vacations with pay, union hiring and an end to piece work.

The strike came after four months of stalling by the lumber companies. A flat rejection of union demands was made last night in an eleventh hour conference with Federal Conciliator E. S. Jackson taking part.

The Department of Labor at Washington, it was reported, is considering certifying the lumber dispute to the National Defense Mediation Board. A new conference was planned today as speculation centered on whether Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins would certify the dispute today.

"We are confident the strike will be victorious in achieving our demands," said Ilmar Kolvunen, vice-president of the IWA and chairman of its negotiating committee.

Gov't Circles Fear Move to Probe Gallup

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with them both on the phrasing of questions and on the matter of releasing results which seem unfavorable to the administration.

At Nye's request his resolution was referred to the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee. This is understood to be one of the angles that has caused considerable concern in administration circles.

The Interstate Commerce Committee is headed by Senator Burton K. Wheeler of Montana, one of the leaders of the Senate isolationist bloc who is opposed to administration war policies and who shares Nye's apprehension about the nature of the Gallup Poll.

Particularly if backed by strong public demand for an investigation, Wheeler is understood to have a good chance of getting the Nye resolution approved by the Interstate Commerce Committee.

Administration forces may then be hard put to defeat the resolution on the Senate floor if it is approved by the committee.



Dead Fall on Snow-Covered Fields of Greece: This photo, just arrived from Greece, shows men falling during actual battle on a snow-covered plain as they attacked invading German forces just before fall of Athens and collapse of the Greek armies.

CIO Protests To Lehman on O'Ryan Post

Council Wire Demands Fascist Be Removed from Defense Job

Appointment of Major General John O'Ryan as director of Civilian Defense by Governor Lehman yesterday brought an immediate and sharp protest by the Greater New York Industrial Union Council, in the form of a telegram to the Governor signed by Joseph Curran, President, and Saul Mills, Secretary, of the Council.

The telegram, which expresses the feelings of some 400,000 CIO members of New York, affiliated to the Council, points to Major General O'Ryan as "an admitted Japanese agent" and urges the Governor to "disqualify him from defense work here."

The full telegram follows: "We are amazed at the appointment of Major General John F. O'Ryan, an admitted Japanese agent as director of our civilian defense. The press of last August, when he was in Japan on a retainer of \$5,000 a month reported him as highly praising Japanese progress in Manchukuo and blaming the Japanese war on China. This open support of Japanese fascist aggression should utterly disqualify him from defense work here—defense against fascist aggression."

"We believe and urge that O'Ryan, avowedly pro-fascist and anti-labor should be relieved of the high responsibility of directing civilian defense. Appointment of such a man raises grave fears in labor's minds for the maintenance of its democratic American rights."

Signs carried by the pickets read, "Save democracy with peace," "Jim Crow is not democracy," and "Join with us in the vigil for peace."

Participants in today's picket line included Morris Watson, secretary of APM's trade union committee, and Joseph Cadden, secretary of the American Youth Congress.

Rome Reports 100,000 War Casualties in April

ROME, May 9 (UP).—Italy's armed forces suffered nearly 100,000 casualties on all fronts during April, including 5,884 killed, a special High Command communiqué said tonight.

The losses included action in North Africa, East Africa and in the final stages of the conquest of Greece, it was said.

TWU Members To Picket at 'Day' Today

Members of the Transport Workers Union, largely Irish-Americans, will turn out this afternoon in large numbers for picketing and a Rutgers Square demonstration outside the office of the Jewish Day in solidarity with the striking employees of that paper.

In the meantime, one of the strikebreakers at the Day, Rose Wolfe, caused the arrest of another picket, Clara Wiener, for calling her "scab." Mrs. Wiener was booked on a disorderly conduct charge at Essex Market Court. Her trial, as well as that of three other pickets arrested earlier this week, was set for May 15.

Pickets Begin Peace Vigil at White House

APM to Maintain Day and Night Line to Oppose Entry

(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 9.—The American Peace Mobilization today instituted a perpetual peace vigil in front of the White House. A picket line will be maintained at the White House day and night to demonstrate the opposition of the American people to convoys and to military participation in the war.

Two pickets carrying large American flags led the demonstrators today. After them marched a picket carrying an electric torch which will be lit at all times as a symbol of peace.

Signs carried by the pickets read, "Save democracy with peace," "Jim Crow is not democracy," and "Join with us in the vigil for peace."

Get Wage Rises

CHICAGO, Ill., May 9.—Wage increases of from 5 to 13 cents per hour have been won by Local 1149 of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers for employees of Belmont Radio Corp. here, a total annual increase of \$100,000.

Marshall Field, 'P M' Boss, Bans Negroes, Store Manager Admits

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policy against Negroes. We just don't hire them."

He explained confidentially that "we have never found any suitable place for them in our organization."

Out of some 7,000 employees in one of the largest department stores in America, and in the many wholesale departments, warehouses and other units, not a single Negro is employed, Mackemer declared.

MYSTERIOUS 'JOBS'

The Personnel Manager had already consulted high-ups on this embarrassing situation. He had a prepared statement ready.

Mr. Mackemer said that the concern does employ 100 Negroes, but not in Chicago, and just where was not very clear. The prepared statement said:

"It is only natural that, over the years, the great majority of our employees are of the white race. However, we have never had and do not now have any rule against employing Negroes. As a matter of fact, there are at the present time over one hundred Negroes on the payroll of this corporation."

An added cynical touch was that the word "Negro" was written with a small "n."

Mr. Mackemer felt that his explanation was a little inadequate. "You see," he continued, "since 98 per cent of our customers are white, we don't find it necessary to employ Negroes."

What he didn't mention was that Field's makes a practice of insulting Negro patrons to stop them from coming into the store. Field em-

ployees also told the Daily Worker that sales people have been fired for waiting on Negroes.

"P.M." which has recently fallen into the hands of the enormously wealthy Marshall Field III, boasted in its Thursday issue of the huge campaign which it has opened against Jim Crow. A score of firms were sent wires stating:

"We believe that the 15,000,000 Negro people in the United States have the right to fight fascism and have the right to participate in democracy—economic as well as political."

The wires then went on to ask the following questions: "How many persons do you employ? How many Negroes do you employ? What kind of jobs do the Negroes have? What is your policy

Graft Report Whitewashes Businessmen

Herlands OK's 18 in City Inspectors Bribe Scandal

A confidential memorandum, made available to the press yesterday, and used by Mayor LaGuardia as the basis for ousting Fire Commissioner John J. McElligott and First Deputy Commissioner George L. McKenna on charges of whitewashing an inspector alleged to have taken graft, revealed William B. Herlands, Commissioner of Investigation, had whitewashed 18 businessmen who admitted paying the graft.

The memorandum, delivered to the Mayor on Thursday and signed by Herlands, denounces both McElligott and McKenna for being lenient in the case of Inspector of Combustibles Albert Becker, who received a fine of 30 days salary for "receiving gratuities from oil burner installers," but refers to the businessmen who testified they paid the graft as "substantial members of the community."

Under the law the man who pays a bribe is considered as much liable to punishment as the one who receives it.

But in the Herlands report, endorsed by the Mayor, only the inspectors were considered guilty.

GRAFT WHITEWASHING

Herlands submitted the Fire Commissioner's decision on the Becker case to the Mayor and remarked in his memorandum:

"In my opinion this decision whitewashes an inspector whose guilt was established beyond any question of doubt by the sworn testimony of 18 businessmen . . ."

"For years businessmen have whispered of gratuities and tips they had paid to government inspectors. As a result of the dismissal of the 22 elevator inspectors in the Department of Housing and Buildings, the Business community developed confidence in the Department of Investigation; and we were finally fortunate enough to get businessmen to come forward to give testimony with regard to the oil burner inspectors."

Herlands proceeds to clear the businessmen whom he says admitted under oath they played a shady part in the deals made with the accused inspector. Names of the oil burner contractors were not revealed. They were treated as responsible and honest citizens despite their admission of graft payment. Concerning them Herlands wrote the Mayor:

"SUBSTANTIAL" CITIZENS

"In the Becker case, the sworn testimony of 18 witnesses was taken at the trial. The witnesses were oil burner contractors, most of whom had been in business for many years. They were substantial members of the community, and had installed many thousands of oil burners. They testified to the payment of gratuities to Inspector Becker, ranging from two to five dollars in connection with the installation of specific oil burners at specific premises on specific days."

Herlands later refers to the contractors, who admitted paying money to Becker, as "decent and respectable businessmen" who appeared as witnesses against the inspector.

He further complained that the contractors were subjected to cross-examination of the "widest latitude" until "the oil burner industry was rife with rumors that witnesses who appeared to testify against the inspectors would be crucified on the stand."

In his memorandum, Herlands advised the Mayor the City has no right to appeal the Becker case, but indicated sterner action would be sought against other inspectors in the Bureau of Combustibles of the Fire Department charged with accepting gratuities.

Raid Wipes Out 3 Generations

LONDON, May 9.—Three generations of one family—three children, their father and mother and their grandfather—were wiped out during the night in London by a bomb which demolished their home.

Break Jim-Crow Ban At New Haven Plant; To Hire 50 Negroes

Pratt-Whitney Aircraft Factory Promises to Give Jobs; 3-Month Drive Rallies United Labor, Church, Civic Groups in Fight

(Special to the Daily Worker)

NEW HAVEN, May 9.—A three-month campaign against job jim-crow in national defense industries here was climaxed this week when the "lily-white" Pratt-Whitney Aircraft Co. agreed to hire 50 Negro workers.

The campaign for the jobs was waged by a united group of Negro and white organizations and reached a high point at the recent Connecticut Conference of Youth in Hartford. Ten have already gone to work and the others will be placed shortly.

Spokesmen for the organizations in the campaign stressed that this victory would spur the drive still further. They pointed out that Pratt-Whitney, which is a division of United Aircraft Co., has placed all the 50 workers in their cafeteria and not in the plant. The company was forced to relinquish its ironclad Jim-Crow policy after a number of conferences between the Youth Conference, the Hartford Youth Council and the Independent Negro Youth Club of Hartford with the firm's personnel department.

The campaign won wide support throughout the area from church, labor, civic, educational and settlement organizations. The campaign will now endeavor to place Negroes in basic industrial plants.

AFL Building Walkout Backs Detroit Drivers

10,000 Workers in 3 Counties in All-Trades Strike in Support of Lumber Drivers; Hudson Auto Local Votes on Strike; Murray Body Acts

(Special to the Daily Worker)

DETROIT, May 9.—An all-trades strike of more than 10,000 AFL Building Trades workers in commercial and housing construction, in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb Counties started here tonight in solidarity action with the present city-wide strike of the teamsters' AFL lumber and supply drivers.

The lumber strike now going on since last Wednesday for union recognition, higher wages, improved working conditions has been met with attacks by gangsters claimed by the union to be employed by the Lumber Employers Association. The solidarity action by the powerful building trades council of the AFL brought forth the announcement by the equally powerful teamsters council of the AFL that they would probably take similar action in support of the lumber and supply drivers.

The general strike of building trades workers in 22 AFL craft unions was voted today effective immediately according to Edward Thal, secretary of the Building Trades Council.

45 LOCALS INVOLVED

Forty-five locals are involved, he said, with 7,000 members in Wayne County and 4,000 in Oakland County out at the time of writing.

Today's general strike of the building trades council includes bricklayers, carpenters, painters, electrical workers, dump truck drivers, glass workers, plumbers, plasterers, roofers, sheet metal workers, stone cutters, tile and marble setters, cement finishers, and asbestos workers.

Union leaders intimated late tonight that more teamsters and other unions will be out in support of solidarity strike actions unless the demands are met.

Meanwhile the Hudson local, 154 of UAW-CIO voted 5 to 1 for a strike, it was announced. The estimated vote being 3,500 for strike and several hundred against. Their demands are a 15 per cent wage increase to meet the increased cost of living and a wage cut estimated on the basis of the increased taxation and income tax payments. A five-day strike notice was filed with the State Mediation Board, in Lansing, today involving the Murray Body local of the UAW-CIO, union officials reported.

A strike vote will be taken Sunday in Cass Tech High School. Wage increases and seniority is the issue, said Lloyd Jones, union president.

C. P. National Committee Hails Freiheit

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among the progressive Jewish masses! No wonder that the celebration of his 50th birthday is so naturally coupled with the birthday of the fighting days of the Jewish masses!

In the same spirit thousands of non-Jewish workers and progressives will be glad to honor Comrade Amter while honoring the paper which has played and continues to play such an important role in the progressive movement.

In greeting the Morning Freiheit and Comrade Amter on this occasion we call upon all the progressives of New York to join in the celebration and to turn the rally at Madison Square Garden into a mighty demonstration of the united struggle against anti-Semitism, against fascist reaction, against imperialist war and for a people's peace.

National Committee, Communist Party of the United States.

Open Headquarters

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., May 9.—The Ladies' Auxiliary of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers local unions in this city have just opened a new headquarters at 840 Main St. here.

Best Mothers' Day Gift: 'My Son Shouldn't Have to Fight'



MRS. ELSIE OSBORNE (Secretary of the Domestic Workers Union): My mother wants peace on Mother's Day, and so do I. So far as she and I are concerned, we're ready to send our boys to fight for democracy any time—right here in America. There's been enough heartache for mothers in the world so far. Why can't we get together and put a stop to it now? I surely hope we can do it this time.



Mrs. DORA JONES (Executive Secretary of the Domestic Workers Union): Mother's Day this year is the most important one of all, especially for Negro women. In the last war we sent our boys over, thinking we would get democracy for our people. We got the same old segregation instead. Now we're busy trying to see that the same thing won't happen to our people again. That's why I'm in the APM.



MRS. SARAH MARKHAM (Leader in the Women's Auxiliary of the Transport Workers Union): To me, Mother's Day this year is the saddest in twenty years. Just when our boys get out of school, they're rushed away to camp. First they talked about one year. Now they're talking about convoys. The President said convoys mean shooting and shooting means war. If we let them convoys, our boys will soon be going to war.



MRS. NETTIE K. BRENNER (of the Manhattan Council for Civil Rights): Every mother wants to keep America out of the war and her boy at her side. My boy is eighteen years old, and soon the Government will be trying to draft the boys eighteen years old. The best present I could get this Mother's Day is a guarantee that my boy won't be sent to war. I make sure of that by getting people into the American Peace Mobilization.



MRS. BOBBIE PATRICK (Member of the Domestic Workers Union, poet, student at the Writers' School of the League of American Writers): This Mother's Day is quite a confusing one. Mothers never know if their boys will be with them the next day or off in a camp miles from home or maybe even in a ship bound for some foreign country. I think all mothers need to be organized to stop this war.



MRS. JULIA CHURCH KOLAR (Member of Descendants of the American Revolution, prominent in the American Labor Party): I lived through the last war; it's tragic that I've seen war year after year since then. We've got to protest against this war. The way to protest is through the American Peace Mobilization, the strongest force in America against this war. If the Administration had listened to what the people say, this would be a happier Mother's Day.

Mothers Throughout U. S. to Demonstrate for Peace Sunday

"The best gift I could get this Mothers' Day would be a guarantee that my boy wouldn't have to go to war." That's the way one New York mother would answer to the question: "What does this Mothers' Day mean to you?" asked by an American Peace Mobilization staff photographer.

Mothers all over America, alarmed by the war drive of the administration, as emphasized by Secretary Stimson's call for convoys, agree with her. APM officials stated that reports coming into the APM office indicate American mothers are determined that there shall be no AEP, no convoys.

They are rallying on this Mothers' Day, May 11, in cities from coast to coast. In Washington, a delegation of mothers from the eastern states are planning Mothers' Day services; in Boston, an anti-convoys rally will be held on historic Boston Common.

In New York, women representing the warring and subjugated nations, will speak at a mass meeting; in Milwaukee, mothers will march on a picket line; in Cleveland and Detroit thousands will turn out in a Mothers' Day Peace parade.



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Guild Votes To Try ILGWU Unit

Board to Act on Charge of Anti-Strike Acts in 'Day' Struggle

William Ucker of the New York Journal-American will head a five-man trial board to hear anti-strike charges against eleven members of the Newspaper Guild, it was learned yesterday at the union's offices. The trial board was voted by a Guild membership meeting which ended early yesterday morning by a 261 to 74 vote after a two-hour debate.

The charges, growing out of the Jewish Day walkout, are directed against eleven members of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union Publications unit.

CHARGE ANTI-GUILD ACTS

The group is charged with acting in a manner "inimical to the Guild." Hostile to the strike from the start, their opposition is being utilized by the management and Day advertisers to fight the walkout, according to those pressing the charges. David Dubinsky, president of the AFL-affiliated ILGWU, also opposes the strike, it was pointed out.

Others chosen for the board are Warren Hall, Daily News; Howard Taubman, New York Times; Lewis Gannett, Herald Tribune; and Sol Abramson, Journal-American. Penn Kimball of PM tied for fifth place with Abramson but later withdrew in favor of the latter.

The board, whose findings must be placed before the membership, may recommend any penalty from censure or fines up to expulsion.

Supporters of the proposal for a trial board, headed by executive secretary Nat Einhorn, insisted that the step was necessary in order to stamp out strike-breaking in the Guild. Opponents argued that the issue was one of "free speech" but did not defend their original opposition to the walkout. A number of the speakers who defended the ILGWU right to attack the strike, nevertheless criticized the attacks as weakening the union struggle in the face of the employer.

The membership meeting also approved reports showing gains in the New York Times and Daily Mirror. A recent strike vote on the latter paper brought management offers of approximately \$40,000, it was reported by Einhorn. Resolutions opposing the Vinson bill and proposed tax plans hitting low-income wage earners were adopted.

THE PAYOFF



—Current American Peace Mobilization.

CIO Defeats Sanitation Frameup Case

Dep't Dismisses Trial of Petrillo; Flaxer Raps Anti-Union Terror

An attempt to frame up Vincent Petrillo, Sanitation Department driver of Garage 10, Manhattan, and member of the CIO Sanitation Workers Organizing Committee, fell through when charges against him were dismissed after an hour's trial yesterday before Deputy Commissioner Matthew J. Diserie.

In a telegram sent to Acting Commissioner John B. Morton before the trial, the CIO Union had characterized the case as a "brazen frameup." Petrillo was charged with using abusive language to two other department employees and with soliciting membership in an "unauthorized" organization on city premises.

Following Petrillo's acquittal, Abram Flaxer, chairman of the CIO union, in a second telegram to Acting Commissioner Morton demanded investigation and punishment of "those who engineered this frameup," pointing out that no complaint appeared in the case. He charged that the case was the result of anti-CIO activity by the "invisible government" in the department of the Joint Council of Sanitation Sweepers and drivers, a rival organization.

FLAYS INTIMIDATION
"Your refusal," said Flaxer's wire to Morton, "to issue a formal order that the men have a right to join a union of their own choosing without reprisals or intimidation is in large measure responsible for this anti-union reign of terror. You must issue such an order now unless you wish to share complicity in this persecution."

In his previous wire to the Acting Commissioner, Flaxer had charged that the department's disciplinary system was being handed over to "the racketeers of the Joint Council to help them perpetuate their invisible government in the department and their guerrilla war of intimidation against the sanitation men who wished to join the CIO."

Greyhound Bus Strikers Reach Agreement

WASHINGTON, May 9 (UP).—Assistant Secretary of Labor Daniel W. Tracy announced yesterday that an agreement has been reached in the 5-day-old Pennsylvania Greyhound bus strike and that work will be resumed as soon as possible.

He said that operation of the buses on short lines will begin in the morning but that it will be 12 hours later before full operations are resumed.

The agreement provides that all differences shall be submitted to the Secretary of Labor, who will act as arbitrator. Major issues yet to be settled include wage increases, reduction of hours for maintenance and terminal employees and the closed shop.

Jail Radio Fans

ROME, May 9 (UP).—A special Fascist Tribunal for defense of the state has sentenced 14 persons to prison terms ranging from three months to nine years for listening to British broadcasts.

Detroit Women In Mohr's Day Rally Tomorrow

DETROIT, Mich., May 9.—One of the most outstanding figures in American history will highlight the Mothers' Day Peace Parade here this Sunday.

Erected in a rather obscure corner of Cadillac Square is a statue of Sojourner Truth—a symbol of militant, courageous womanhood. Sojourner Truth takes her place in history as one of our best fighters for the freeing of the slaves. Untrifling she traveled up and down the country speaking before the masses for the freedom of her people. She was given an interview by Abraham Lincoln and was one of the first to urge upon him the arming of the free Negroes of the North for the Defense of the Union.

When the civil war was over she preached that the ultimate welfare of the Negro was not only in the ballot but also in the ownership of the land, in education, in agriculture and the trades.

Cleveland CIO Extends Fight On Vinson Bill

Calls on All Unions to Protest Passage of Anti-Strike Measure

(Special to the Daily Worker)
CLEVELAND, May 9.—The Cleveland Industrial Union Council representing 80,000 organized workers today sent copies of a resolution opposing the anti-labor Vinson Bill to all member locals for adoption today. The resolution was originally adopted recently at a city-wide meeting of local councils, shop stewards and committees.

"The resolution calls the bill 'anti-labor and undemocratic.' It 'condemns the tactics employed to place anti-labor, undemocratic legislation on the floor of the House of Representatives.'"

Describing the bill, the resolution states that it would: "Impose on workers a system of involuntary servitude for an extended period while governmental mediation and arbitration board interfered with the normal processes of collective bargaining; 'Attempt to establish permanently the present conditions in industry relating to wages, hours and working conditions including open shop policies; 'Deny to members of minority political parties the right to work in American industry.'"

Immediate action on the resolution is expected.

OPM Intervenes In B'klyn Strike Of 375 Workers

The U. S. Conciliation Service and the OPM yesterday intervened in the strike of 375 employees of the Vulcan Proofing Co., 37th St., near First Ave., Brooklyn, manufacturers of gas mask parts.

The strike is under the leadership of Local 12105, United Mine Workers, District 50, Chemical Division. Although the union showed membership cards of a majority of the employees of the company, its effort to negotiate a contract was turned down.

On Monday, 10 A. M., strikers will hold a mass meeting at Fairway Hall, 54th St. and Third Ave., Brooklyn.

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National Guard To Be Used in Army 'Games'

Move Seen as Pointing to Extended Duty of Guardsmen

WASHINGTON, May 9 (UP).—The Army's plan to include three National Guard divisions in summer and fall maneuvers renewed reports today that the guardsmen would be held on active duty longer than the originally scheduled year.

The three National Guard divisions were mobilized early last fall. War Department officials insisted that no decision on holding them longer than a year has been reached and probably will not be until at least June. Such a decision probably would require Congressional action.

The Army revealed its plans for maneuvers—the greatest in history—yesterday. They will begin on a small scale May 24 and last until late fall. The 30th and 40th divisions of the National Guard will be used in first Army exercises October 6 to November 1 in the Carolinas, if the men still are on active duty. The 45th division will be used in Louisiana September 1-30 in the mimic warfare between the second and third armies.

Drafts also will participate in the maneuvers. War Department spokesmen noted, however, that no additional legislation is required to extend their one-year training period. They are held on reserve for 10 years after this period, and President Roosevelt has authority to order them to active duty.

Ohio Lockout Defeated; CIO Wins Terms

Electrical Union Forces Warren Firm to Rehire Workers

(Special to the Daily Worker)
WARREN, O., May 9.—Victory over a lockout of one department was achieved here today when the week old strike of 1,600 workers at the Packard Electric Co. plant was settled.

Terms of the settlement, which came just before Trumbull County courts were expected to hand down an anti-picketing injunction, included reinstatement of all workers without discrimination including the locked out workers, wage increases in certain rates, ending of unequal pay for equal work and agreement by the management to submit to a Labor Board election.

The company is a subsidiary of General Motors and supplies 51 per cent of all cable for use of the auto industry. Referring to this in a speech at the union meeting this afternoon, Albert Smith, business agent of Local 610, United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America, who came here to aid in the strike, told the workers that the workers of Warren were "carrying on the tradition of the CIO auto union in the fight against the General Motors Corporation."

Most important in the eyes of workers here is the fact that the week-long strike which answered the company's lockout of the wire mill has resulted in the firm establishment of the union throughout the plant. Most of the workers are girls.

Urge Council to Probe 'Fitness' Of Al Smith, Jr.

The City Affairs Committee yesterday called on the City Council to investigate the "character and fitness" of Councilman Alfred E. Smith, Jr., to continue as chairman of the committee investigating civil service and employment policies of the city.

Describing the bill, the resolution states that it would: "Impose on workers a system of involuntary servitude for an extended period while governmental mediation and arbitration board interfered with the normal processes of collective bargaining; 'Attempt to establish permanently the present conditions in industry relating to wages, hours and working conditions including open shop policies; 'Deny to members of minority political parties the right to work in American industry.'"

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City CIO Council Rallies Against FDR's 'Soak the Poor' Tax

Delegates Assail War Levy Policy After Hearing Report; Quill Spurs United Labor Campaign for TWU Pact; Hillman Program Scored

After hearing a report on the Roosevelt administration's "soak the poor" tax policy, delegates at the regular meeting of the Greater New York Industrial Union Council voted unanimously to throw all energy of its affiliates into a campaign to defeat the program.

The Council voted to "condemn the anti-social tax program of the administration." Action came upon the report of William Mangold, legislative representative of the Council, who cited the tax proposals now being sponsored as a "guns instead of butter program."

COUNCIL ACTIONS
Other actions of the Council Thursday night at its Manhattan Center meeting:

Approved the report of the Bridges Defense Committee for a widespread educational campaign in the city and efforts to reach a quota of \$20,000 for the defense fund. Voted to bring the Council's membership of 400,000 actively behind the Transport Workers Union's fight for collective bargaining rights on the city-owned subways.

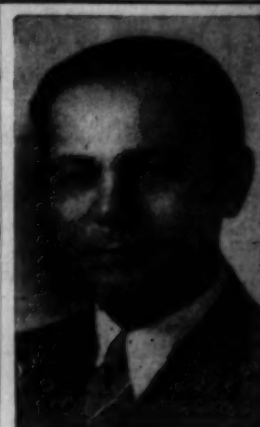
Action on the transport workers' union came after the Council heard a report by Michael Quill, general president of the union. Quill told the Council that Mayor LaGuardia was out to lead the parade to smash the TWU. Barring of the union's right to present its side on the radio made the union more determined than ever to reach New York City's millions.

TWO STREET RALLIES

The program of the union, Quill told the council, is to hold 100 open air meetings. One held in Brooklyn earlier that very evening rallied 3,000 people, Quill said. The union's bulletin "Transport Truth" now appears in 1,500,000 copies, he said. A conference of representatives of all labor and other organizations in New York on May 14 at Hotel Edison, will still further widen the scope of the fight. Quill appealed for a full turnout to the Madison Square Garden Rally, May 21 that the union is sponsoring with Philip Murray and Curran as speakers.

"Let's make it a real demonstration of New York labor," he said. Mangold's report on the tax question was followed with discussion from the floor.

"This kind of thing is the same as a cut in wages," said one delegate.



BEN GOLD

Ben Gold Urges Support for Spain-Aid Drive

Fur Union to Hold Big Affair for Funds on May 17

Ben Gold, International President of the Fur and Leather Workers' CIO, today made a stirring appeal to New York trade unionists to help their Spanish refugee trade union brothers and the men of the International Brigades. He urged support by organized labor of the Gala Basketball Game and Dance sponsored by the fur workers of New York on Saturday, May 17, at 8 P.M. at Royal Windsor, 60th St. and Columbus Ave. All proceeds will be turned over to the United American Spanish Aid Committee, 425 Fourth Ave.

"Thousands of heroic Spanish refugee trade unionists are suffering indescribable misery and torture in French concentration camps today. Letters received from the camps are heartrending. Together with their brothers in the International Brigades who came from Germany, Poland, Austria and many other lands to help stem the fascist tide in Spain, they gave an unparalleled example of loyalty and devotion to the cause of democracy by battling the Franco-Hitler-Mussolini invaders for 32 bitter months," Ben Gold said today.

Tickets for the affair are 35 cents and can be secured from the business agents of all fur locals in the city: the Educational Department of the Joint Council, Room 100, 238 W. 26th St.; Educational Department of the Joint Board, 245 Seventh Ave.; and the United American Spanish Aid Committee, 425 Fourth Ave.

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Why the Secrecy About the Tax Program?

• What are the tax-collectors planning behind the scenes?

A curtain of silence has suddenly been dropped on the Administration program for making the people pay for Wall Street's war.

The first revelation of the plans of Treasury officials and Administration spokesmen evoked widespread resentment among the people especially on the part of labor as expressed by CIO President Philip Murray.

Apparently, the Administration then shifted its strategy and decided the next stages of working up the program should be done in private. Perhaps Washington officials feel that knowledge of the onerous burdens to be placed on the people by the proposed taxes, only make the masses more skeptical about this war than ever. Perhaps, they are waiting for an outright declaration of war and plan to make use of the excitement and tension to ram the new taxes down the throats of the public.

At any rate, this tax program is far too serious for every working person, for it to be shrouded in secrecy. It affects the pocket-book of every family and amounts to a drastic wage-cut for all workers.

The people want these tax plans considered in public. Above all, they want to see Wall Street pay for Wall Street's war.

Another Victory for Civil Liberties

• A big victory for the PEOPLES' civil liberties was scored when the Supreme Court of West Virginia reversed the shocking 15-year sentence against Oscar O. Wheeler, Communist leader in that state.

Wheeler, the Communist candidate for Governor in the 1940 elections, was given this heavy sentence because he exercised the constitutional right of collecting signatures to place the Communist Party on the ballot.

The very fact that an innocent American citizen can get such a sentence shows that extra-statutory means as much as direct laws, are used for snuffing out civil rights. Such a thing is a menace to all Americans. Having been inspired by the White House, Wheeler's original conviction demonstrates the way in which the election laws and the other "four freedoms" are being violated by the Administration and the state officials who ape it.

Actually it was the deep concern of labor and the public over the increasing war drive against popular liberties which brought forth this decision. It was this same growing anxiety which resulted in the freedom of Bernard Rush and Adolph Heller, bomb frame-up victims in Philadelphia, and just recently caused the reversal of the Scottsboro rape conviction against Joseph Mickens, 15-year-old Negro boy in Richmond, Virginia.

None of these victories indicate any change of the judiciary from its present war role. For Earl Browder is a victim of the same drive against the people's liberties and peace, and is now in jail under a court decree of four years.

But the Wheeler decision—no less than the Rush-Heller and Mickens cases—show that the people can win the battle for civil liberties wherever they are under attack. With their organization and determination intensified, the people can win the freedom of Earl Browder as well as the struggle to take this country out of the war and keep it out.

A New Try at Tricking the Negroes

• That discrimination against Negroes is extant has suddenly been discovered by 60 pro-war dignitaries, including Governor Lehman, Mayor LaGuardia, Marshall Field, and others. They have made this discovery in order to trick the Negro people into support of this war.

"Justice for Negro Americans in the program for national defense," says the statement issued by them "is a searching test of American democracy."

Fine words, but only words. That this widely-heralded statement is mere lip-service is seen from the fact that most of the prominent signers have never lifted a finger on behalf of Negro rights. On the contrary, they have done everything to prevent the Negro people from achieving the rights guaranteed them under the Constitution.

One of the signers of the statement is Matthew Woll, vice-president of the AFL, who has been a major factor in encouraging affiliated unions to bar Negro workers from membership. Another is Chancellor Harry Woodburn Chase of New York University,

an institution which recently suspended seven students for protesting jim-crowism in college sports.

All the time that Governor Lehman and Mayor LaGuardia have been in public office the most flagrant discrimination has existed in New York restaurants, housing, school system, offices and employment. During all this time these gentlemen have never made one move of any effective character to end such evils. As for the millionaire Marshall Field, owner of PM: how many Negro salesladies, ad writers, managers and technical workers have ever been employed by the many department stores under his control? The Daily Worker has shown in its stories from Chicago, that both Negroes and Jews are barred in his big Chicago store.

These newly found "friends" of the Negro people are not concerned about retrieving the rights of which the Negro people have been deprived. Their purpose is merely a bit of war-recruiting concealed behind flowery words.

Anyone who stands for this war stands, by the same token, against the rights of the Negroes. This is a war for the enslavement of colonial peoples and for the beating down of the standards of the people in the imperialist countries. The fight of the Negro people, with that of their white fellow-workers, is for peace internationally and for real democracy here in America.

A Crucial Election

• As a result of their historic strike, the Ford workers compelled the corporation to agree to an NLRB election, the date for which has now been set for May 21.

There is no doubt but that a majority of the 80,643 workers at the River Rouge plant are in favor of the CIO. Nevertheless, the Ford terror and Ford propaganda that will make itself felt between now and the election, cannot be discounted.

Any notion that the election is in the bag and that therefore nothing need be done about it, would only be of danger to the union. Undoubtedly there will be sound organizational and educational work during the next 11 days by the union and every CIO member in the plant.

Green Backs Hillman's 'Other Method'

• It was typical of William Green in voicing opposition to the Vinson anti-strike bill, to launch into a tirade against strikes and the CIO.

Green's opposition to the Vinson measure is of the same kind as Sidney Hillman's. Like Hillman, he prefers that "other method" of outlawing strikes. Bill Green wants to perform this service himself for the employers instead of having it done by legislation.

The CIO strikes which Green attacked, were all to improve the wages and working conditions of the workers. These struggles were made necessary by the stubbornness of the employers, whom Green absolves of any responsibility.

No wage movement is at all possible if labor's hands are tied ahead of time either through anti-strike legislation or the "voluntary" abandonment of the strike right as prescribed by Green and Hillman. Instead of criticizing these CIO strike struggles, which have written another stirring page in American labor history, the Greens would do better to pay some attention to the wage demands of their own membership in the railroad and other industries.

An Important Celebration

• In these days, when the Jewish-language press is trying to stampede its readers into the war and works with the Hillmans and Dubinskys to keep wages down, only the Morning Freiheit holds aloft the banner of peace and progress.

The 19th birthday celebration of the Freiheit, to be observed tonight in Madison Square Garden, takes on added color since it coincides with the 60th birthday of Israel Amter.

The Freiheit, built, supported and revered by the Jewish working people, is doing a great work. The celebration tonight will not only express renewed support for the Freiheit, but will also record the protest of thousands of New Yorkers against convoys, another AEF and war.

We urge our readers to help make this meeting an impressive warning to the warmakers.

Dorothy Asks

• Miss Dorothy Thompson asks "for a new social order" as a bait to get the people into the war. In this way, she reveals that the American people are indeed approaching ever closer to the issue of a new social system in which the insanities of capitalism war will be ended. But the "new social order" of Miss Thompson—like Hitler's—strengthens the control of the capitalist monopolists, intensifies all the miseries of capitalism ten-fold. Miss Thompson proposes a "common objective" for all classes in capitalist society. But what "common objective" can there be between the suffering people and the capitalist class which is responsible for their suffering? What "common objective" can there be between a crook and his victim? Between Capital and Labor? Between the people who do the dying and the class which reaps the profits?

Capitalism's Mothers' Day



—Reprinted from the current issue of the New Masses.

Remember Four Women Imprisoned in Pittsburgh This Mothers' Day of 1941

By Elizabeth Gurley Flynn

"WERE YOU EVER IN JAIL?"

What a pleasant question to ask on a day that is supposed to be all "hearts and flowers" in this hypocritical sentimental bourgeois system! But in our world of labor struggles it is not an impolite but a normal question—"Were you ever in jail?" I surely hope not and that you will never have to be. They are dark, gloomy, smelly places, where one's body is cramped, one's mind is starved, one's dignity is outraged, one's privacy is invaded, one's time is wasted. Only one's strong thoughts are free. But it can happen and it does to our very best people—in labor circles. Union and strike activities, political campaigns and struggles result in many workmen, yes, and women too, being unjustly arrested and confined to prison cells. Under the pretext of war emergency, this cruel snatching of valiant and courageous sons and daughters of labor, is speeded up. In the last war this was true. It is being repeated and streamlined today, to clear the way for war.

LABOR'S BEST DEFENDERS

These prisoners are "criminals" only in the eyes of the coal operators, steel barons, bankers, and profiteering war-mongers in general. They are "criminals" to the satellite local, peanut politicians of capitalism. They are "criminals" to Martin Dies and all his poll tax Southern partners in Congress. They are "criminals" to the turn-coat Roosevelt administration which shifted the red light to a green signal for war as soon as they were safely in the saddle again. But they are not criminals to workers. We are proud to call these class war prisoners labor's best defenders. They follow in the footsteps of noble men and women like Debs and Luxemburg, who fought for peace and labor's rights a quarter of a century ago, in the last World War.

Their only "crime" is loyalty to their class. This unshaken devotion to the interests of the workers at all times, collided with the rapacious greed and imperialist ambitions of those who would sacrifice our sons and ensnare our daughters to their war machine. Workers know why brave men like Browder are in prison. They admire their sacrifice; they sympathize with their suffering. Workers' hearts go out to their lonely families, everywhere.

On this Mothers' Day we think of the brave wife and children of Earl Browder. We think of Ina Wood and Elizabeth Green, out on heavy bail, awaiting trial in Oklahoma on a criminal syndicalist charge. We think of four brave working-women, wives, and one,

Rebecca Horowitz, a mother, who are all serving sentences right now in the Allegheny County Jail at Pittsburgh, Pa. Two are Negro women, Ida Blakey and Pearl Davis. The other one is Joan Powers, whose husband received the heavy sentence of two years in the same

Mothers' Day is of so much importance this year that the Sunday Worker tomorrow will devote a large part of its issue to this holiday.

Mothers' Day originated in the peace crusade of the Seventies and tomorrow's articles will feature the American women's fight for peace in 1941. The struggle for women's full rights and the participation in the trade union movement will also receive consideration.

case. All must serve a minimum of three months for fines and costs, which run into thousands of dollars. In addition their sentences run up to six months. Their "crime" was collecting signatures to legal petitions to put the Communist Party on the ballot in the last election. They are cheerful and brave. They make the best of their situation without complaining. They scrub floors, wash clothes, do hard work there. Just one thing they really plead for, and I'm passing it along to you as a Mother's Day request—letters from people outside. Will you please write to anyone of the above-named comrades right now, for Mothers' Day and keep it up regularly as long as they are in?

Put yourself in imagination, in their places. What would you like next best to getting out? Seeing

people, of course—your families and your friends. What joy it is for them to look upon our faces, even through double wires and to hear at first hand news of the outside. They are allowed only one visitor a week. I had the happy experience of seeing all of them on May Day. Waiting to see Joan Powers I was sitting on a window sill in the corridor. I did not know they would come by that way. Suddenly a door opened and the place was alive with women, talking and laughing, like a girls' school. They only get to the yard twice a week, while the men go more often. Our comrades surrounded me, we hugged and kissed each other, while the other prisoners looked on sympathetically. The matron realized it was entirely accidental. She shouted her charges in through the barred door. But it was a precious moment for all of us, as the shining faces of my dear comrades made evident.

Next to these rare visits, their next greatest joy is to receive letters. They can't answer them all, naturally. They can write only one letter a week. But it is hard for me to convey the great difference it makes in the life of a prisoner to receive cheerful, new letters from around the country. Don't propagandize them. They know why they are there! Write as you would to a personal friend, about yourself and your interests, remembering of course that you are writing to prison. They would be particularly interested to hear of what's doing all around the country on Mothers' Day; to hear of women's special activities in all fields.

Let's do this for Mothers' Day to show our love and appreciation of their grit, their cheerfulness and their sacrifice. It will be a pledge of our unceasing struggle to secure their release. Let us send our love, our good wishes, or greetings on Mothers' Day to these four splendid comrades.

Build Democracy at Home, Canadian Woman Says

TORONTO, Ont. (By Mail).—"Canadian labor must forgo ahead and win economic freedom," Mrs. Doris W. Nielsen, M. P., told 3,000 cheering people at a May Day rally here last week. "You are told you are fighting for the preservation and extension of democracy. I ask the people of Canada to build the bulwarks of economic freedom in Canada now. Make sure that the heroes of today are not the bums of tomorrow," she declared.

The audience cheered lustily as she contrasted living conditions of Canada's working population with the profiteers in the war industries and called for the unity of farmers, workers and middle class.

Charging that during the past several months a "determined attack" against labor had been conducted by the federal government,

Mrs. Nielsen described strikes as a patriotic inspiration through which labor may improve its conditions.

The federal government, she declared, has used its orders-in-council to create "protected areas" around war industries where strikes are declared illegal, citing cases of undemocratic legislation. Conciliation boards have been set up which serve to stall the workers until contemplated strike action peters out. Skilled workers are prohibited the right to leave their jobs and seek improvement elsewhere.

"To build and extend democracy, we have a job right here and now," she said. "If we are fighting to give freedom to others, ask yourself—can you give something to others which you haven't got yourself? Can an enslaved people give freedom to other people?"

Point of Order

By ALAN MAX

READERS' DAY

BRIEFS

Industry is ready to meet labor half-way. If labor will pull in its belt, industry is willing to pull in profits.

As the Wall Street banker says it: "Millions for defense," but not one cent will I contribute."

A couple of men were arguing the merits of the two countries and the reactionary said, "Well maybe there are no lynchings in the Soviet Union, but this is still the Land of Plenty."

One of the commercial newspapers is having a little trouble obtaining news about the Soviet Union ever since its outfit board broke down. P. H.

SONG OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN

Big braves, beat the tom-tom, we can't go back where we come from—we tried to go back other day but Empire State stood in our way—in place of wigwams and corn 'n' yeller stands the Center Rockefeller—by the shining Big sea waters Park Avenue dowagers present their daughters.

Big braves, beat the tom-tom, we can't go back where we come from—strangers see us other day, we are aliens, so they say—want our fingerprints they said on account our skin is red—when Pilgrims came where we were living we no invite them for Thanksgiving—they take our homes and stones and flints and we no ask for fingerprints—we give them wheat and elms and oaks we give them corn they use for jokes.

Big braves, beat the tom-tom, we can't go back where we come from—now banker men they send polices no let you smoke the pipe of peace—though scalping was our special genius we're pickers next to that Stettinius—now many big chiefs want to kill man to make big dough to feed the gooses—Sidney-Big-Chief-Over-the-Hillman, Girdler-Big-Chief-Union-Buster, Senate-Big-Chief-Fillbuster.

Please don't blame us if we get sore—Big braves, beat the tom-tom—if they ask us to go to war—we stay right here where we come from.

ROSLYN HARVEY.

One of the men I work with has been bombarding me with Idealist Philosophy. You know, all about how if a tree falls in the middle of a forest where nobody sees it fall, did it really fall? Will the table I'm writing on still exist if I go out of the room? It got me. Everything's imagination.

So last night I turned on the radio and I heard I heard Secretary of War Stimson calling for boys. "What am I thinking up?" I said to myself. "How can anyone imagine that's the way to peace? I should be able to think up better stuff than that!"

So I went to bed and dreamed up a wonderful dream. The American people kicked out the Stinsons, Hulls, Roosevelts, Morgans and Rockefeller, and established Socialism. You can't imagine how happy I was.

But just then the alarm went off and I imagined I had to go to work and earn some more money for my boss. Can you imagine that? LIONEL.

SONG OF THE MACLEISH "LIBERALS"

Emotion gushes from our hearts

That's what the martial band's for—

We love the word Democracy

But hate the things it stands for

Q. E. D.

In view of the war scare headlines in recent issues of PM, how about changing the name from PM to Mayhem? RALPH BULOVA.

Letters From Our Readers

'Daily' to Publish Special Article on James Connolly May 12

New York, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

The Irish edition of the Daily Worker has been very welcome on the waterfront. Even in this last week there had been requests for copies. I hope that there will be more editions of this kind, dealing with the problems of the Irish and Irish-Americans.

L. S.

Editor's Note: The Daily Worker is pleased to receive this letter and also to answer in this connection that there will be a special article in the May 12 issue of the Daily Worker on James Connolly. This is to mark the anniversary of his execution because of the Easter rising.

Deeds Speak Loudest

Philadelphia, Pa.

Editor, Daily Worker:

The Soviet-German Non-Aggression Pact, like the Soviet-Japanese Pact, is an exposure of the hypocritical aims of the capitalist democracies. The Axis chariot was appeased as long as it responded to anti-Soviet direction. There is still hope, among the Munich gang that the runaway Axis can be reined in.

The Soviet-Japanese Pact, however, was a rebuke to both the U. S. A. and to those Chinese diplomats flirting with a dangerous confidence artist—was meant to warn the Chinese people as to who their real friends are, in times of trouble past and present since 1937. How much did England and the United States do to stop Japanese aggression in China since 1937? Can the Chinese people trust them now? B. S.

Wants Union Poll On Peace

New York, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

It is most important for most readers of the Daily Worker, in fact for most Americans, to know more accurately how the majority of the people stand on such questions as peace and war.

The Gallup Poll would tend to show that the majority of this country is fickle, whimsical and abandoned to inexplicable flights of imagination. It is not long ago when the poll could point out that 93 per cent of the people were decidedly against war.

There is much reason some time to change one's mind. But considering calmly the events in the last few months, you would expect that the 7 per cent not the 93 per cent should have been undergoing a change of ideas.

I believe the actual poll is not accurate. I wonder if we could get a poll from the AFL, from the CIO and from some farmers' league. Let the AFL take at random one hundred union members and solicit an answer on the different questions relating to war and peace. Let the CIO and some farmer group do the same. The combined average of the three will give you a poll as accurate as can be desired.

A READER.



Cordell Hull Pursues A Strange and Devious Foreign Policy Toward the USSR

By MIKE GOLD

THE policy of the Soviet Union has become clearer every day. It is a neutral in the war. Its efforts are for peace. It will sign non-aggression pacts with any or all nations.

It is the policy of the United States that is devious and double-dealing.

Many liberals remain indignant because the Soviet Union has signed no pacts with the United States or the democracies.

They conveniently forget that the French democracy, while still led by Roosevelt liberals like Daladier, and Norman Thomas Socialists like Leon Blum, broke off its mutual assistance pact with the Soviet Union.

This was equivalent to a declaration of unfriendliness and certainly a method of announcing that the "democracies" preferred facing Hitler alone, than with help from the Soviets.

The pre-Munich intrigues by Chamberlain are also familiar. Lloyd George sufficiently exposed the methods by which Chamberlain and his Cliveden gang pretended to deal with the Soviet Union. It was treachery to the British people. But could the Soviets sign a pact with the British people over the heads of its legal government?

Could they have forced such an unusual pact with the people of France? Does one expect them to make a deal with the American people over the heads of Roosevelt and Hull and the fascists in the State Department?

The anti-Soviet atmosphere in our State Department is an exact counterpart of that which prevailed in Daladier's France, and Chamberlain and Churchill's England.

These people are fighting two wars—an imperialist war for domination against Hitler, and a war in defense of capitalism as a whole against the Soviet Union.

Of the two enemies they hate the Soviets most—which from the class angle is natural, perhaps, but remains a form of suicide in the face of Hitler.

Thus, when one speaks a rapprochement between the United States and the Soviet Union, one must ask if our own government really has an honest desire to reach such an understanding.

By all the evidence, this is highly doubtful. The reckless speeches by Roosevelt during the Finnish campaign, in which he practically called for war on the Soviets, were certainly little sign of a desire for understanding or friendship.

In a recent Merry-Go-Round-Column, the writers Pearson and Allen spill a lot of beans on Cordell Hull.

It seems that for months Hull has refused to meet the Soviet Ambassador. During the recent conference between the two countries, the Soviet Ambassador was not received by Hull, but was turned over to a man of lesser authority, Sumner Welles. This painfully reminds one of Chamberlain's method of sending State Department office-boys to Moscow, instead of plenipotentiaries with some authority.

"What the usually astute Soviet ambassador did not know," Pearson and Allen report, "was that Mr. Hull disliked all things Russian, didn't want to discuss Russia, or be reminded of Russia. He classified the Soviet with such institutions as carpet-baggers, John L. Lewis, Hull's cabinet colleague, Harold Ickes, and the Civil War guerrillas who attacked his father."

"Mr. Hull has one of the choicest vocabularies in Washington, and when he turned it loose on Russia he really outdid himself."

"All of which is by way of emphasizing the change which took place the other day when Cordell Hull actually issued a public statement praising the Soviet Union."

"That statement was issued not because Mr. Hull's basic feelings toward Russia had changed, but only because there are very few nations left in the world today which may be potential bulwarks against Hitler. Russia is foremost among them, and Mr. Hull openly and obviously was wooing the hated Soviet."

What a mass of stupidity, bungling and class blindness is packed into those few paragraphs!

First, there is the picture of a narrow-minded old hill-billy lawyer, still fighting the Civil War and hating liberals and labor unions, being placed in charge of our foreign policy at such a time of supreme danger.

Secondly, the hypocrisy. Yesterday, for Hull, as well as Pearson and Allen, all that tribe in America, the cheap taunt of "Communist" covered the situation. They regarded the Soviets as Hitler's conquest, and were glad of it. It gave them a new and special slander to repeat against the Communists—"Communist."

That was yesterday, when no American doubted but that he could lick the whole world and to hell with potential allies!

Today, when the realities and perils are clearer, and America knows it isn't too well-prepared to fight the whole world, the Soviet Union is discovered suddenly as one of the "few remaining potential bulwarks against Hitler."

So they "woo" the Soviet Union. They throw it a few kind words in public—vast concessions. They are willing to sign a treaty. All they want is a treaty by which the Soviet Union gives them everything, and is glad to take a few kind bones as return.

One cannot know, until a war is done or a social system is cracked, and the archives are opened, what goes on in such diplomatic negotiations. But one can well guess that Roosevelt offered little as a quid pro quo to the Soviet Union.

Trade between the two countries? No; but we will go on trading with Japan, giving her 75 per cent of the war material she may need in a war against the Soviet Union.

Mutual pledges of assistance against territorial invasion? No, of course not; it would be a pleasure to see the Soviets invaded. A halt to the anti-Soviet slanders and continuous campaign for a war on the Soviets that White Guards, Nazis and all their mercenaries conduct daily in America? No, certainly not; we have free speech in America; you don't understand how democracy works; we allow everyone to speak his opinions; only making one little exception. Communists must not have opinions or speak, thank you.

A long list of such fundamentals of a treaty of mutual understanding and aid must have been discussed. Roosevelt's answer must always be negative. When you really want something very much, you are willing to pay a price for it. Roosevelt seems no more ready to pay a price than was Chamberlain. Even though America is in a spot where it may have to face a whole world in arms, he wants no Soviet friends. Smart leader, what?

APPEARS FOR THE FREIHEIT



Michel Plastro, concert master of the Philharmonic-Symphony Orchestra, will appear tonight at the Madison Square Garden celebration of the 50th birthday of Israel Amter and the 19th anniversary of the Morning Freiheit. The People's Philharmonic Chorus, Anna Sokolow and her dance group, and Kenneth Spencer, famous Negro basso, will contribute their services. Max Steinberg is chairman of the meeting, which will be addressed by P. Novick, Sadie Van Veen, Ben Gold, James W. Ford and Robert Minor.

In a Moscow Art Gallery

Tretiakov Gallery Houses 320,000 Works of Art

(Special Correspondence)

MOSCOW It is a foggy morning of an ordinary winter day. Weak and uneven light penetrates the exhibition rooms through the translucent panes. Light, oblique shadows lie hesitantly on the floors. Silence prevails. Walls and paintings are shrouded into a semi-dark. Then the electric light is flashed on and a world of marvels leaps into view. We are encompassed by life irradiated by pictures.

Together with one of the attendants of the gallery we stand at the entrance watching the arrival of the visitors. There is an uninterrupted stream of them. Incessantly the doors open and close. Among the entrants are Red Army men and they are followed by a group of iridescent children, apparently pupils of the sixth grade. One of the boys shouts excitedly: "Valya, let us go and see Levitan first."

Now an elderly man steps in leading an eight-year-old boy by the hand. The attendant explains in a whisper: "He is an oldtimer; he spends many a Sunday here with us. He is a mechanic and brought his wife with him last time."

Variety of Visitors

There seems to be no end to the host of visitors. We see two Uzbeks wearing their national costumes. They are followed by students of a pedagogical institute and they in turn by a group of firemen in full uniform, a painter hailing from Byelostock, an oil miner from Baku, a physician from Kislovodsk, a weaver from Ivanovo and so on ad infinitum. They all have come to Moscow on business and are utilizing this opportunity to visit the Tretiakov Gallery.

An old man is crossing the



The Art of the Revolution holds a prominent place among the exhibits in the Tretiakov Gallery. Above: painting of Red sailors in Leningrad assembling for defense of the city against foreign interventionists.

threshold leaning heavily on a cane. He is wearing top boots made of sheep skin and a woollen shawl swung around his neck. In reply to our inquiry he informs us that he is a bookkeeper employed by a handcraft workers cooperative in Vladimir. "I decided that before going back I would pay a visit to the Tretiakovka and have a look at my favorite pictures. Who knows but that it may be the last time for me."

The profound silence in the rooms continues. The spectators walk along the walls and often make long stops in front of the pictures. The old attendants at the gallery recall the times when two or three art lovers meandered through the empty halls. An inspection of the statistics kept by the gallery will disclose that on many days approximately 8,000 people and 200 groups visit the gallery nowadays.

Another significant fact: before it was nationalized the Tretiakov Gallery possessed hardly 4,000 works of art. Today its 50 exhibition and storage rooms house more than 32,000 paintings, sculptures, etchings, drawings and other works of Russian art.

Let us now make a tour of inspection of the lower floor. They are preparing here an exhibition of the best works of Soviet artists. The opening is to take place within a few days. Not everything has yet been finally placed. Everywhere boards, mountains and rolled-up carpets; exhibits have been placed

against the walls and on chairs indiscriminately. Big solid cases have arrived from the freight terminals, they contain the exhibits sent in from Georgia, the Ukraine and Tajikistan.

In the Restoration Shop

The left wing contains the restoration shop. The technique of painting cannot withstand the gnawing tooth of time. Pictures will fade and become old. The work of the restorers is complicated and laborious but they can restore pictures to life. To be able to do so one must himself be an artist and a scientist as well.

The "diseases" from which the pictures suffer are manifold and often unexpected. The ground may dry up, the color chip off, the lacquer lose its lustre, while surface dust and rust contribute theirs. Before a picture is turned over to the restorers it undergoes a long and careful examination by the technical council of scientists, to ascertain what has happened to the picture. Has the whole color layer become diseased or perhaps only one color is affected? Has the canvas become impure, have its threads of its tissue become fragile? The restoration shop employs experienced people whose senses are very delicate. They work not only with pen and brush but also an X-ray apparatus, the photographic camera and quartz light to ascertain beyond all mistake the density of the colors.

We see the painter Sergei Babkin

Exhibits Viewed By Thousands of Workers Each Day

sitting in front of his canvas. At his side on a table he has ready for use a scalpel, wads of cotton, numerous glasses containing lacquer, alcohol, oil and turpentine. On his stand is P. Alexeyev's well-known picture: "View of the Gate of the Iberian Virgin in Moscow." Serpentine cracks cover the canvas, the colors have lost their former expression and have grown dull. But one need only cast a glance at the left portion of the picture which has been touched up by the meticulous hand of the master in order to see that in contrast with the faded right portion it looks almost as if newly painted.

Eugene Kudryavtsev is restoring "Peter I Examines the Tsarevich at Peterhof." The brothers Fedorov, who are real artists in the work of restoration, are copying on a new canvas V. Tropinin's picture "Peasant Sharpening Cane." These rejuvenated pictures will soon be hung again in the exhibition rooms.

Before leaving let us take a look at the register of visitors. Here we find favorable comments by coal miners from the Donetz Basin, Cossack teachers, delegates to the 18th Party Congress, pilots, etc. They are not painters—they have coal, fly through the air, plough the canal, conduct railroad trains. But they have a real appreciation of art because their freely given Stakhanov labor, which requires new creative ability, is also a great and powerful art.

Buchwald Praises Anti-War Play, 'Johnny Johnson'

Popular Theatre's production of "Johnny Johnson" makes its point for peace in two acts of "swift-moving" drama.

The essence of this production as a peace play, compared to the musical extravaganza produced by the Group Theatre several seasons ago, is neatly phrased in one of Johnny's messages to his fellow-soldiers: "I am enclosing some speeches by Woodrow Wilson, also some by me which come quicker to the point." This production comes "quicker to the point."

N. Buchwald, drama critic of the Morning Freiheit, has praised the play, saying it is "a timely, effective and thoroughly entertaining anti-war comedy." The Johnny Johnson of 1917 might be any 1941 "selectee." The loud-sounding slogans which took Johnny to France then are being resounded today. But Johnny woke up to the fact that the leaders had engineered the war, that they were not interested in the world of free men and democracy so glibly promised, and in his own words: "that they are sending the boys out to die for something which doesn't exist." Johnny sets out to do something to stop the nightmare horror of war, and he learns by painful blundering that one individual can't stop a war of frenzied imperialisms. When the curtain rises on the final scene, he is not the desolate, groping hero of the former production; he has, instead, discovered the answer.

"The New Teacher" at Cinema Art Theatre

"The New Teacher" first Soviet love story to reach American screens is coming to the Cinema Art Theatre, Sixth and Poplar Streets, Philadelphia, beginning tomorrow. Set against the background of life in a farming community, the film reveals to American audiences concentration by Russian movie production on human interest themes. The scenario was first-prize winner in all All-Soviet Union contest. The author of the script is S. Gerasimov, who is also the director of the film.

THE STAGE

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'Reaching for the Sun' Story of Auto Workers

REACHING FOR THE SUN, screen play by W. L. River. Based on a story by Wessell Shilliter. Produced and directed by William Wellman. A Paramount film play at the Paramount Theatre.

By David Platt

"Reaching for the Sun" has for its background the automobile industry around Detroit. Paramount has tried to be fair to both capital and labor. It is their belated attempt to make up for the anti-labor "Our Leading Citizen." Paramount almost lost its shirt on this film. They hope to get it back with "Reaching for the Sun."

It is true there isn't a single "professional agitator" or any mention of "Moscow gold" in "Reaching for the Sun." Not a sign of a beard or a bomb. The auto workers are clean-shaven, good-looking, average Americans. There is only one thing wrong with this picture. Paramount has turned out a film about the auto industry without once mentioning the CIO. It is like making a film about Niagara without the falls. The wizardry with which the studio has sidestepped the trade union issue is truly amazing.

"Reaching for the Sun" is really two pictures in one. One film takes place inside the auto plant. These scenes were produced with the help of the Packard Motor Company. It says so in the credits. It is a full-size advertisement for Packard cars. Everything is fine inside the plant. The men are happy at their jobs. No evidence whatever of the back-breaking speed-up on the belt line which brought the CIO Organizing Committee into Detroit. The bosses are grand fellows. Workers are promoted on the basis of merit. The men talk about "five dollars a day" as though it is paradise itself. There is also struggle inside the factory. Not a sit-down strike, god forbid. Packard's stockholders would never approve of that. Something dramatic that would also sell cars was required.

A Titanic Struggle

"Reaching for the Sun" dramatizes not a mass demonstration against the speed-up but a titanic struggle between two auto workers in the plant—a struggle that reaches a horrible climax when one of the men goes berserk and uses the plant's most precious machinery to destroy his opponent. All this is crude nonsense to avoid talking about unions.

So much for inside the plant. The story on the outside is far superior and enormously entertaining. In this part of the film we have the more plausible story of Joel McCrea who sought work in the auto plant only long enough to buy an outboard motor. It was his grand passion this outboard motor because it would enable him to lead an independent life in the country as a clam fisherman. Joel got a job—five dollars a day. Got it by starting a pure Hollywoodish riot in front of the plant. He hated the work in the factory. Met a nice girl. Loathed the idea of settling down but married her. He bought the outboard motor on the installment plan. Prized it above everything else. Then his wife had to go and have a baby and the plant shut down and they quarreled over money and he hooked the motor and when the plant opened again he lost a foot in the machinery and his wife left him and so on to the happy ending among the fields and the clams.

There are some fine things in this story: Long lines of unemployed waiting at the factory gates. Eddie Bracken's fresh portrayal of a worker. Auto workers huddled up in the cold waiting for the plant to open up. Ellen Drew who talks and acts like an auto worker's wife. But the absence of a union—the absence of organization—gives the whole thing a curious unreality. There is very little relation between what happens inside the plant and what goes on outside. When the plant shuts down no one asks any leading questions. The workers suffer but remain silent on vital issues.

Labor Handled With Kid Gloves

Labor is handled with kid gloves in "Reaching for the Sun," but so is Packard. Packard was asked to assist in the production but not the United Auto Workers of America. That was a serious mistake. The men who run Packard from Wall

Street know next to nothing about the auto industry. The union could run the plant in the dark.

Some while ago the auto workers produced a splendid short called "United Action." This is what Paramount's film needed to make it great.

However it is a far cry from an anti-union film like "Our Leading Citizen" to a non-union film like "Reaching for the Sun." It is not often that a labor theme has been turned into such an entertaining film. Not often that industrial workers have been portrayed so humanly.

With all its faults I recommend "Reaching for the Sun." If you will keep its omissions in mind and watch out for the right things, you will enjoy it.

An Afternoon of Home-Made Music by The Almanac Singers

New union songs and peace songs will be introduced by the Almanac Singers in an afternoon of home-made, hand-rolled music. 4 P. M. this Sunday, at 79 East 12th St. In addition to the new tunes, the Almanac Singers will present the Songs for John Doe, recently recorded collection of anti-war songs. The afternoon will include singing of old time ballads and folk songs, and listening to unusual documentary recordings of American music.

RADIO NOTE

Monday, Friday and Saturday evenings at 8 P.M. radio station WCNW, 1600 Kilbock, presents a half hour program called "Echoes of Russia," which features the latest recordings from the USSR. The program is announced in Russian.

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Yanks Gear for Comeback Drive at Home

Aim for Flag After Wins Over Indians; Locals All Rained Out

2 Games at Boston Preface Long Stay at Stadium; Dodgers, Confident of Staying on Top, in Philly Before Going West

Heartened by the two defeats they hung on Cleveland's league leading Indians at the tail of their disappointing Western tour, and by the pickup of Gerry Priddy at bat, the Yankees go into their weekend series at Boston today expecting to launch a drive that will carry them to the top in the American League.

(Further optimism was added by the 9-6 defeat hung on Bob Feller yesterday by the St. Louis Browns in the only game played, marking the Indians' fourth straight setback since compiling an 11-game win streak.)

After the two-game set with the pitcherless Red Sox the Yankees returned to the Stadium for a prolonged home stay which will see all the Western teams come in. A good sign was the emergence of Joe DiMaggio from his slump at the tail-end of the tour. Not so good was the baffling suffered by Ruffing, and the routing of Ernie Bonham by Detroit. But then, even Feller got himself socked yesterday, and Bonham should return to his great form in his next start. Russo is pitching consistently good ball.

DODGERS

The Dodgers, atop the league after having stopped the Cards twice in their two-game series, play the Phillies today and tomorrow at Philadelphia, yesterday's game having been rained out. Hugh Casey, with a record of four and nothing, will start.

What Wyatt will go after is his sixth tomorrow. The boys feel that in beating the Reds and Cards they proved their position as best in the league.

However, that was at Ebbets Field. Beginning Tuesday in Cincinnati, the Westers will have a chance to get back at the Dodgers, who cleaned up handsomely in their home stand to

go on top. The Dodgers were a good road club last year, however, and expect to continue their winning ball and come home on top. They meet the Reds and Cards twice apiece, and the Cubs and Pirates three times. Lefty Wicker may get a starting role, probably against the Cards, whom he beat so magnificently in relief Thursday. The Card power is solidly left handed, with Padgett, Mize and Slaughter following each other.

GIANTS

The Giants were rained out at the Polo Grounds for the second straight day yesterday. They play the Braves today and tomorrow before going West. There have been signs of a rejuvenation after the letdown that followed the fantastic start, in which they beat the Dodgers three straight. Bill Jurges is holding up, playing grand ball, and Carl Hubbell has unwound his left arm in good shape.

SHORT TAKES

The passing of Lloyd (Little Poison) Waner to the Braves, in return for hurler Nick Strincevich, means the end of a Pittsburgh era in which the name Waner was synonymous with the Pirates. . . . Lloyd was a Pittsburgh standby for 14 years.

First time Billy Jurges faced Bucky Walters after the Red hurler had beaten him 11 months ago, Jurges drew a single. Eddie Joost, Reds' shortstop, seems to have more than acceptably replaced Billy Myers. . . . He handled 19 chances so, the all-time mark the other day. . . .

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SOOSE WEIGHT LIFTS EYEBROW

Challenger Hits Scales at 157 3/4 for Title Bout

Eyebrows went up at yesterday's weighing-in ceremony for the Ken Overlin-Billy Soose middleweight championship fight at the Madison Square Garden, when challenger Billy tipped the scale at 157 3/4.

This edition went to bed too early for details on the Overlin-Soose middleweight championship fight. For the usual interesting story and analyses, plus dressing room interviews with both fighters, don't miss Lester Rodney's story in the Sunday Worker.

whether he had been kidding about that or had taken too much off in a hurry, possibly weakening himself for the fight. It was recalled that Billy weighed 162 for his second fight with Vigh.

Overlin weighed 150 1/2, as expected. Kenny said he had never trained as hard for any fight and would have absolutely no alibis. He disclaimed a feud with Soose, explaining that the source of his anger was Manager Paul Moss.

WELCOME TO BILLY BOY



Manager Leo Durocher (right) was very happy to welcome Billy Herman of the Cubs into Ebbets Field. Billy opened fire with five straight hits to show how happy HE was about it. That first line rupture has worn off, but Billy will get his share of base hits. He always has.

The Great Satchell At Stadium Tom'w

Paige Hurls in Negro League Doubleheader, Where You'll See the Stars Who Should Be in the Big Leagues

To the followers of the National Pastime, the real honest-to-goodness, dyed-in-the-wool fans who look further than the big leagues and appreciate talent wherever it may be found, the name Satchel Paige has become a legend. Satchel was known to be big league timber as far back as a decade ago and it would be our pleasure to report that he has finally gained admittance into the sacred portals of baseball. But we can't — for the moment. For Paige is a Negro. A Negro hurler who has been setting down opposition for more years than is the average life span of the average top-flight outfielder and who has been unreservedly called the greatest pitcher in baseball by such experts as Bill McKechnie, manager of the Cincinnati Reds, Joe DiMaggio, Carl Hubbell, Dizzy Dean, Doc Prothro and a galaxy of active baseball men that reads like an alphabetical listing of who's-who in baseball.

Satchel Paige the legend fades before Satchel Paige the man as, for the first time since 1934, when he hurled a magnificent 1-1 tie with Slim Jones, another Negro great, he takes the mound in the Yankee Stadium tomorrow for the Black Yankees against the Philadelphia Stars in the first game of the Negro League Ruppert Cup Memorial double-header inaugural.

The six-foot four-inch 175-pound right-hander is under contract to the Kansas City Club of the Negro American League but due to difficulties with the K.C. management Paige refuses to report. Joe Semler, owner of the Yankees, has made arrangements for the speedballer to pitch for his outfit at least on opening day.

Paige, being the most famous Negro star in the land, quite naturally served as the "cause celebre" to end discrimination in the sport was launched by the Daily Worker four years back. It was pointed out that a pitcher who could defeat the Major League All-Stars, "paced offensively by Dizzy Dean, four times out of six when the great Jerome

NYU FAVORED IN MEET TODAY

Mac Mitchell, Bogrow Head Crack Unit in Met Competition

The local dress-rehearsal for the 65th annual Intercollegiate A.A.A.A. track and field championships, which will be held May 30-31 at Triboro Stadium on Randall's Island, will be seen in the ninth annual Metropolitan college championships in the same stadium today. N.Y.U., Fordham, Manhattan Columbia, St. John's and C.C.N.Y., all of whom will compete in the later I.C.A.-A. classic, are engaged in the Met. meet, along with Brooklyn College, which has heretofore devoted itself to Class B competition in the city track set.

The full I.C.A.-A. program, without the mile relay, will be run off today in both varsity and freshman meets. Heats will be held at 12:30 P.M., with the finals starting at 2:30. The I.C.A.-A. scoring system of 5-4-3-2-1 for five places will be in effect for the first time in today's Met. meet.

N.Y.U., three-time winner of the Met. title and now holder of the Met. indoor track title, is the strong favorite to supplant the defending Manhattan team which beat the Violets by one-third of a point a year ago. Fordham is the second choice, Columbia third choice in today's competition.

Many of today's winners will be college high-ranking contenders or favorites in the larger I.C.A.-A. championships.

N.Y.U. is rated a likely winner in the 100, with Jared Fanger and David Lawyer, in the 880 and mile, with Leslie MacMillan, in the 1500 and with Leonard Bates, and is co-favored in the 220 and 440 where Harold Bogrow, Violet captain, will resume his rivalry with Fordham's John Campbell. Bogrow defeated Campbell in a stalling 48.4 quarter in their dual meet on Wednesday. Their Met. duel may produce a new meet record, for Wesley Wallace of Fordham holds the 440 mark of 48.8, made last year when he outsped Jimmy Herbert of NYU.

Cards Set Hot Pace

The Cardinals have won 94 games and lost 43 since Billy Southworth became manager last June. That's the best pace set by any team in either major league.

Still Likes Novikoff

Don't give up on Lou Novikoff, Cub rookie-lugger. Manager Jimmy Wilson isn't—he believes Lou soon will come around. Wilson, who's watched 'em all, said that "I've seen Novikoff hit a ball as hard as anyone who ever lived. He hasn't been timing his swings well. Soon as he gets squared away he'll cause trouble."

was in his prime, deserved a place in the top brackets.

Paige isn't the only Negro ball player who should be playing with one or the other of the sixteen Major League outfits — especially squads like the Phillies, the Senators, the Browns, the Braves and some of the others who have been serving as nothing but footnotes to the more powerful teams in their respective leagues. You've heard of Buck Leonard, stellar first sacker, Josh Gibson, hard-hitting catcher, Roy Brown and the host of others that have made the Negro games a popular feature in every city that they have performed, and tomorrow, starting at 2 P.M., you'll have the chance to see a flock of them in action.

On The Score Board

More About the Luck Of B.B. Balance

By Lester Rodney

Said Billy Herman, with one foot on the Ebbets Field dugout step, waiting to take his batting practice cut: "You're darned right that was a strike the Cubs put on this spring against Gallagher's contract. Naturally the boys on the team can't talk about it now, but I can tell you that if he hadn't raised the ante there would have been no regular ball club at Wrigley Field opening day. The boys stuck together the best they could."

About that Unbalance

Yesterday we spoke about the unbalanced nature of the National League, as illustrated by the fact that the St. Louis Cardinals have too many good young pitchers to keep, but aren't interested in a trade because the teams that need pitching have nothing to give the Cards in return. We touched on the St. Louis Bredon-Rickey financial machinations and the "chain gang" farm system that periodically comes up with pennant contenders.

Everybody knows that the only teams with a chance in the National League this year are the Dodgers, Cards and Reds. Every other club in the league is shot through with fatal weaknesses from the point of view of being contenders. The monopoly of good young pitchers by St. Louis when the bottom teams so desperately need pitching strength is one sign of the unbalance of the league. Another striking sign of the same thing is the deal that brought Billy Herman from the weak Chicago Cubs to the strong Brooklyn Dodgers.

It so happened that Herman was more or less on the block at Chicago anyhow, not being too popular with general manager Gallagher, but that is not the point. The point is that of all the National League teams only the Dodgers or Cards, or possibly the Reds could give the Cubs what they wanted for him. And those three are already the strong teams in the league. The Giants, Pirates, Braves and Phils just have a few good key men each and no players approaching major league caliber to spare.

Much the same is true in the American League. Some will try to deny the perpetually lopsided character of the two leagues by saying that time equalizes strength, weren't the mighty Yankees finally dethroned, etc. It's true that the exact order of teams shifts around at the top, but that just tends to hide the fact that there are the almost perpetual tailenders. The Phils and Braves are still sucker teams in the National League as they have been for more than twenty years. The A's and Browns are down there in the American League for almost a decade. This year three of the eight teams have a chance in the National League, and with Hank Greenberg gone from the Tigers, only two in the American League.

MacPhail Used the Money

The Dodgers were in the "haven't got a chance" class for a good many years. That was because the money poured in at the turnstiles by the best fans in the land was pocketed instead of being used to build the club. The Dodgers are up there today because Larry MacPhail, a shrewd impresario who also has what you can't call more than sportsmanlike instincts while the present setup exists, has converted the steady take at the Ebbets Field gate into ball players and a pennant contender which is sure to bring back the investment and then some. Whoever heard of 30,000 crowds on May weekdays before?

The Giants have been playing the money bag closer to the vest and that's why they have 3,000 rattling around the Polo Grounds stands most days. Don't waste any sympathy on poor Horace Stoneham. Or for that matter on the Phillies' Nugent. Whenever the Phillies happen to develop a star Nugent dashes the fans' faintly rising hopes with a sale to the highest bidding top club, and don't think the money from that sale goes back into the ball club.

Now I happen to be a Dodger fan, by birth, habit and general inclination (not to mention healthy instincts). I've rooted for them through many a lean year and I'm certainly not going to stop now that they've finally moved up among the elite. In a manner of speaking it's really the Brooklyn fans who have paid for this better team. And while things are the way they are I'll still be rooting for the Dodgers. Even liking the acquisition of a Billy Herman from a weaker club to make that pennant look more certain than ever. Though I'd have really preferred to see the Dodgers win with Pete Costasera, their own development, at second.

The fact is that most fans feel that way. It's not without significance that a large group of enthusiastic women fans who come out on Ladies' Day hang out a big banner reading "PETE REISER—PEEWEE REESE." Those are their favorites, the two new, young stars, the Dodgers' own, who haven't ever played with any other big league team. Reiser and Reese, not the newly-acquired Herman, or even the clouting Ducky Medwick, ex-Card. Next most popular in the stands is probably Cookie Lavagette. Hardly anyone remembers that he played a little second base for Pittsburgh before coming to Brooklyn. He developed as a star in Ebbets Field and he's thought of as belonging to Brooklyn. Cookie of Glendale, California, professional athlete! But don't think a Brooklyn player, no matter from where he hails originally, doesn't respond to that spirit of the fans. I've never yet spoken to a member of the Dodgers who didn't say that he enjoyed playing for Brooklyn more than anywhere else.

Here we are getting sidetracked from the original topic, which you might have expected, the Dodgers being a part of the original topic.

Would Solve Unbalance Fast

Getting back to the lopsidedness of the big league set-up, you can see some players at the Yankee Stadium tomorrow who could play rings around many of the regulars in the box scores today, with no aspersions on the ability of the latter. On the mound will be Satchel Paige, the greatest pitcher of his day—a fact attested to by big league players and managers who have played against him and seen him in action. Three years ago when I spoke to Satch and he issued his challenge on behalf of a Negro team to the winners of the World Series, winner take all, he was musing on the fact that he was 29 and that the growing fight against Jim Crow in the big leagues might still be in time for him to take his place in the National Pastime. "Daddy Vance was 29 when he got going for the Dodgers," he reflected, flexing his supple right arm.

Satch is 32 now and years of barnstorming and pitching under all conditions have undoubtedly begun to take their toll. The fight hasn't been won yet.

It may be too late for Paige, but there are many other young Negro ball players who rate the big leagues. And at that, I bet Satch has enough left to win 30 in the National League. For he would have been a 25 or 30 game winner in his prime. Ask Joe DiMaggio, or Bill McKechnie, or Leo Durocher or Luke Hamlin or any big league player or manager you can think of. And don't forget to tell the magnates and Judge Landis, their sanctimonious old stooge who ignored more than a half million signatures on petitions last year.

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	W.	L.	Pct.	Bkd.
Brooklyn	18	6	.750	—
St. Louis	15	8	.714	1 1/2
New York	13	9	.591	3 1/2
Cincinnati	9	11	.450	7
Cleaveland	9	11	.450	7
Chicago	7	11	.389	8
Pittsburgh	6	12	.333	9
Philadelphia	7	15	.318	10

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Cleveland	17	7	.714	—
New York	14	10	.583	2 1/2
Boston	10	8	.556	3 1/2
Chicago	10	9	.526	4
Detroit	11	10	.524	4
Washington	9	13	.409	6 1/2
Philadelphia	7	13	.350	7 1/2
St. Louis	8	13	.323	9

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